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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission **450 Fifth** Street, NW Washington, DC 20549

(RE: File No. \$7-19-03)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I serve as Director of Administration for Teamsters Local 728 in Atlanta, Georgia. Our organization is an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters which represents Pension and Health & Welfare assets of close to \$100 billion. I am very pleased to hear that the SEC has opened proposal \$7-19-03 for public comment as Teamster assets impact deferred income for hundreds of thousands of families participating in our collective trusts.

We commend the inception of the Commission's reform that would allow investors to participate more directly in decisions that directly impact their equity holdings, (particularly in light of rising corporate mismanagement and fraud that disproportionately benefits only a select few over the thousands who invest).

While we strongly support the proposal, we hope the Commission will consider the following changes:

- 1) Delineating triggering requirements
- 2) Reducing the **5**% threshold to 3% (we **believe** 5% would make it **difficult** for the groups/shareholders the proposal attempts to serve to place nominees in **the** proxy).

Thanks for your consideration of these recommendations, which we believe will serve the inclusive interests of all investors.

Sincerely,

**Wanda** M. Rylander

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