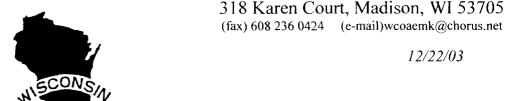
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The Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants, which represents over 120,000 retirees of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), supports the proposed rule, Security Holder Director Nominations, Section 14 of the SEC Act of 1934. This rule would give shareholders access to the proxy statement and ballot that they do not now have.

As members of WRS, our pension assets are managed by the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB), which has invested billions of dollars in US companies. We believe that improving SWIB's access to the proxy statement and ballot will go a long way toward protecting our pensions and restoring our confidence in the capital markets.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Kehl, Chairman,

Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WISCONSIN COALITION OF ANNUITANTS

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