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Dear Ms. Murphy,

Now is not the time for the government to consider making changes to the rules regarding shareholder proxy access at publicly traded companies. These revisions could throw these companies into further economic troubles and have far reaching effects on the success of small businesses all across America. It is my hope that the Securities and Exchange Commission will not approve of any changes in these rules for the time being.

For the past fourteen years, I have owned and operated my own software company called Polytheoretics Incorporated, which primarily develops software for tracking volunteers in hospitals and other health-related facilities. I understand the struggles that small business owners have been going through over the past few years and feel fortunate that my business has remained fairly steady. Small businesses will not be directly affected by this rule change, but those that have business transactions with large public corporations will likely face increased difficulties and problems. Higher costs and less efficiency will be the likely result for both small and large businesses if this rule change is passed.

Given the economic struggles of American companies all across this country, now is just not the time for this rule change. Our economy appears to be on its way to recovery. More interference by the government in the election of directors for these companies will likely negate the economic recovery we are all hoping for. Please, do not approve this change in shareholder proxy access.

Best regards,

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