



Region VI Coalition for Responsible Investment

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Chairman Christopher Cox
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Cox:

As the coordinator of a coalition of concerned investors, I am alarmed that the SEC has issued rules that could curtail or eliminate the ability of shareholders like the 29 members of the Region VI Coalition for Responsible Investment to raise important issues with corporate management. I urge you to not curtail investors' rights to file advisory resolutions under Rule 14a-8.

Advisory resolutions play a vital role in encouraging corporations to be responsive to their owners. They help to promote improved corporate governance, greater accountability, and more meaningful disclosure. For a number of years faith-based investors have addressed scores of issues with corporations in their portfolios including apartheid in South Africa, diversity in employment, violence in video games, executive compensation, codes of conduct and vendor standards in the supply chain, drug pricing, climate change and the environment, among others.

Our Coalition is a member of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), a coalition of approximately 300 religious and socially concerned investors. Their religious members, including Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic groups, have over \$110 billion in assets under management. With more than 35 years of experience, religious investors often are considered the pioneers of shareholder advocacy.

Any actions that would restrict or eliminate advisory shareholder resolutions would be a disastrous step backwards. Please let me know what action you intend to take on this issue.

Sincerely,

Ruth Kuhn, SC
Coordinator

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