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Secretary Jonathan G. Katz S7-19-03, Securities & Exchange Commission 450 5th Street, NW Washington, DC 20549

Dear Secretary Katz:

As a man who owns stock in many publicly traded companies, I am asking that the SEC not adopt the proposed "Shareholders' Access" regulations.

I do not want the government to determine the election methodology of the Boards of Directors, other than the requirements of the states in which the companies are chartered. These proposed regulations could cause much infighting and campaigning, working to undermine the goodwill that already exists with current shareholders.

I believe that permitting all holders of shares to have access to the corporation's proxy statement would result in more unmanageability and even more disruption. The SEC should not be burdening the companies with new requirements and expenses associated with modifying internal controls and processes. This is especially true at this time, when companies are coming out of a stymied period of growth in this country.

I do, however, want my Board of Directors to pursue increasing shareholder wealth in a manner that is ethical and prudent. Most American corporations and their independent Board of Directors are dedicated to just that. Since the latest scandals of a few firms, most corporations have already adopted their own reforms and changes that will increase their stockholder confidence. The SEC should not burden <u>all</u> of Corporate American with intrusive SEC regulations because of a <u>few</u> corporate bad apples.

Sincerely

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