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Director, Major Projects and Technical Activities Financial Accounting Standards Board File Reference No. 1102-100 Share-Based Payment; an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 95 Norwalk, CT 06856-5116

Subject: Make Companies Put Stock Options on the Books

Dear Director, Major Projects and Technical Activities Standards Board:

I strongly support your proposal to require companies to expense stock options. Not expensing stock options has promoted their overuse in CEO pay against the long-term interests of shareholders.

The retirement savings of America's working families depend in part on all companies, including small businesses and start-ups, having honest accounting practices. Companies that do not expense stock options are hiding their true cost from investors, creditors and other consumers of financial reports.

I urge you to require stock option expensing as soon as possible. Independent experts, such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, should set the standards on stock option expensing, not the politicians in Washington. I believe corporate executives should be ashamed for trying to hide the cost of stock options from their investors.

Sincerely,

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