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Ms. Suzanne Bielstein  
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Dear Ms. Bielstein:

Re: Share-Based Payment Exposure Draft

I work for a company that allows employees to purchase my employer's stock at a discount through an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). I understand that the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has proposed a change to accounting standards that would require my company to count this discount as an expense against its earnings (Share-Based Payment exposure draft). I respectfully request that you reconsider this proposal and not require expensing of the discount allowed in ESPPs.

I am concerned that required expensing of the discount in the ESPP may make this valuable benefit plan less attractive to my employer, potentially causing my employer to either discontinue the plan, or reduce or eliminate the current discount. If the discount is greatly reduced or eliminated, buying company stock through the ESPP would no longer be much of a benefit. Unlike benefits aimed only at high-paid executives, this is a valuable benefit for employees across the company.

The ESPP is a very important benefit to me. Being able to participate in an ESPP has enabled me to invest in my financial future and experience a sense of ownership in my company. This benefit helped attract me to and serves as an incentive for me to remain with my employer. I could even say I continuously strive to perform to the best of my ability because I am an owner of the company.

The ESPP program has benefited me greatly. Without this benefit, I would have not been able to or it would be a much more difficult for me to become a homeowner. I've use the funds from this program towards the down payment on my condo. I used these funds to pay off previous debts so home could be purchase. These funds has also help me purchase furniture, a washer/dryer set, Certificate of Deposits to help save for my son's education. Assist me in paying for a vacation that my son and I so greatly needed. It has also supplemented my income and other ways. As a single mother, I don't know what I would do without this extra income. Thank you and I hope you take this in consideration when making a decision. Ms. Nicola L. Frazier I.S. Help Desk Agent 702-242-7600 Option 2

Millions of workers like me in companies across the country are able to purchase their employer's stock through ESPPs. This builds company loyalty and helps to promote high standards of work when employees have a sense of ownership.

I strongly urge FASB to consider the negative impact the proposed rule would have on the nearly 16 million workers like me and eliminate the expensing requirement for ESPP discounts in the final rule.

CC:

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Sincerely,

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