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Chairman Robert H. Herz Order Department, Financial Accounting Standards Board 401 Merritt 7, P.O. Box 5116 Norwalk, CT 06856-5116

## Dear Chairman Herz:

Our government seems to have its fingers in everybody's honey pot lately. From a business owner's perspective, it's frustrating to know that every time I turn around, there are more regulations that seem to be imposing their will on my business. Now, the FASB is looking to do the same by regulating stock options.

As you well know, stock options are a legitimate business expense. But the FASB wants to make them into an expense that nobody would want: the type that we have to guess about. Let's leave predictions to the stock market analysts. My accounting needs to be precise so that I know how much money I am taking in and spending in any month. By expensing stock options prior to their being exercised, there is no way to know what the actual cost will be later. It could lead to serious discrepancies that I would never want.

I am confident that you will see the disadvantages of the mandatory expensing of stock options as small business owners across America see them. Expensing stock options would hamper economic growth and halt the emergence of exciting new technologies and businesses. Please see our side of the equation, and work with us to make sure that stock options remain available to us as business owners!

Warm Regards,

Steve Wadhwa