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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. For example, I believe stock options provided a financial incentive for Enron executives to cook the books.

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. In my opinion, stock option compensation should not receive preferential accounting treatment.

I also believe that these people are being treated with kid gloves considering the harm they are inflicting. This is not a democracy for the corporations by the corporations. I believe that the government making it easier to ship jobs beyond our borders, and not stemmming the tide of illegal aliens into this country is a form of economic and moral treason. The citizens of this country are being used like disposable assets. I have been personally underemployed by this anti-worker economy for the paast four years.

I hope that the consequences of these actions, your voting for the pork barrel bill recently, cause you to lose your jobs, since your actions in voting for those measures, ie: giving government aid to companies to help them outsource labor is unconscionable. These corporations do not care about U.S. citizens, only their back pocket, and how much they can enrich themselves and their stockholders.

In conclusion, 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. Stock options are a compensation expense, and this cost can be reliably estimated using your proposed accounting method. I believe corporate executives should be ashamed for trying to hide the cost of stock options from their investors. In addition to the outsourcing of jobs, and making the workers of this country suffer while your rich friends get richer and fatter!

Sincerely,

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