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Subject: Please Don't Expense Stock Options (File Reference No. 1102-100)

Mr Chairman Robert H. Herz,

I would like to respectfully request that the FASB DOES NOT require companies to expense the stock options they give to their employees (File Reference No. 1102-100).

Because I am currently getting stock options at my company Cisco, I do feel and work as a co-owner of the company rather than just merely an employee, which greatly increases my level of commitment, contribution and innovation. In addition, stock options are a significant part of my compensation which better enables me to take care of my family. I strongly believe that my situation and feelings are not unique to only me but rather shared by everyone I know especially at Cisco.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation on this extremely important issue for our industry, cisco, my family and me personally.

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