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Director, Major Projects and Technical Activities Financial Accounting Standards Board
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Subject: 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.

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.

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.

Corporate executives should be held **CRIMINALLY ACCOUNTABLE** for trying to hide the cost of stock options from their investors.

Sincerely,

Frank Solar

cc:
Senator Richard Shelby