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Director, Financial Accounting Standards Board

Dear Director, Standards Board,

I am writing to support the proposed rules on stock option expensing. Options aren't free money. Simply put, options are a form of non-cash compensation with value to the recipient and a cost to the company. And options are a real cost to all of the public retirement systems and 401(k)s who are companies' major shareholders, taking real money out of our pockets.

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The failure to expense stock options distorts reported earnings, leads to excessive executive compensation, and gives executives incentive to manage numbers for short-term gain.

Do the right thing and implement the option expensing rule.

Sincerely,

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