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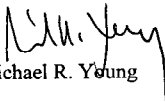
Hon. Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

I write to express concern regarding S. 1890, presently entitled the "Stock Option Accounting Reform Act." As a partner in a Wall Street law firm and the author of the text *Accounting Irregularities and Financial Fraud*, I have been becoming increasingly concerned over the prospect of political considerations potentially influencing the formulation of generally accepted accounting principles. That is particularly the case with S. 1890, insofar as the political analysis is apparently to include an assessment of the "economic impact" of the accounting standard rather than solely the overriding objective of reporting the truth. At public companies, allowing the "economic impact" of an accounting decision to influence the public reporting of financial results is often labeled "fraud."

I am sure you will do your utmost to protect the objectivity and integrity of financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Mr. Robert H. Herz

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