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## **INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS SAY HP PROXY RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATES WIDESPREAD ENDORSEMENT FOR PROXY ACCESS**

### ***Shareholder Resolution on Future Access to the Proxy Receives Unprecedented Support***

Institutional investors gained a historic 43% vote last night in a landmark proxy contest at computer and technology company Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP). The resolution, co-filed by the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds (CRPTF), the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Employees Pension Plan (AFSCME Plan), the New York State Common Retirement Fund, and the North Carolina Retirement Systems included a proposal to allow shareholder-nominated candidates to run for seats on HP's board of directors on the proxy alongside company-nominated candidates. Currently, candidates nominated by shareholders appear on a separate proxy card, a costly and thus rarely used, procedure.

The institutional investors, collectively representing more than 17 million shares valued at approximately \$700 million, had expressed concern over the HP board's handling of an internal investigation into board leaks and its potential negative impact on shareholder value. Shareholders believe there would be significant value in being able to participate in the nomination of director candidates. The proposal before HP was the first proxy access resolution to ever come before shareholders for a vote.

"As long-term investors, we are focusing on initiatives that will strengthen corporate practices and enhance shareholder value," said Treasurer Nappier. "The resounding support for the HP proxy access proposal brings new attention to the issue of shareholder rights, and signals another milestone in the campaign to enact responsible corporate governance reform."

In 2005, Hewlett-Packard began an investigation into board leaks to the media and hired an independent private investigation firm, Security Outsourcing Solutions, which, through subcontractors, began accessing personal phone records of board members, reporters and others by impersonating them, a technique called "pretexting," according to published reports. Additional reporting has disclosed that board members approved the targets of the investigation and approved tactics, including pretexting phone records. Hewlett Packard agreed to pay \$14.5 million to settle a civil suit stemming from the board leak probe.

*The Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds (CRPTF) is valued at approximately \$24 billion and consists of six State pension and eight State trust funds for approximately 160,000 teachers, state, and municipal employees.*

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