

Abbott Laboratories (ABT)

Shareholder Alert

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### **Please Vote For Proposal 4 – Special Shareholder Meeting Improvement**

In response to this proposal it is important for Abbott Laboratories management to clarify whether *only* shareholders of record are now qualified to contribute to the 20% of all shares outstanding needed to call for a special shareholder meeting.

Proposal 4 does not ask to the limit this important right to a select group of shareholders. If only a select group of shareholders are now qualified then shares owned through a stockbroker would be excluded from this important right.

The Abbott record holders may only hold 40% of ABT stock outstanding. If so it would take a 50% effort from these record holder only shares to equal 20% of the ABT total voting power to merely call for a special shareholder meeting.

Thus the current face value of a 20% effort to call a special shareholder meeting might in reality be a 50% effort which would be a majority from a select group of shareholders. A requirement for a majority from a select group would not be not much of a right compared to the face value of 20%.

Abbott management should clarify the point on whether only record holders can now participate in formally calling for a special shareholder meeting. Shareholders would then be able to make a more informed decision.

### **Please Vote For Proposal 4 – Special Shareholder Meeting Improvement**

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