



**Via FedEx**

August 4, 2021

John Sullivan  
Secretary  
Costco Wholesale Corporation  
999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah, Washington 98027

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

I hereby submit the enclosed shareholder proposal (“Proposal”) for inclusion in the Costco Wholesale Corporation (the “Company”) proxy statement to be circulated to Company shareholders in conjunction with the next annual meeting of shareholders. The Proposal is submitted under Rule 14(a)-8 (Proposals of Security Holders) of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission’s proxy regulations.

I submit the Proposal as the Deputy Director of the Free Enterprise Project of the National Center for Public Policy Research, which has continuously owned Company stock with a value exceeding \$2,000 for at least 3 years prior to and including the date of this Proposal and which intends to hold these shares through the date of the Company’s 2022 annual meeting of shareholders. A Proof of Ownership letter is forthcoming and will be delivered to the Company.

Copies of correspondence or a request for a “no-action” letter should be sent to me at the National Center for Public Policy Research, 20 F Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001 and emailed to [sshepard@nationalcenter.org](mailto:sshepard@nationalcenter.org).

Sincerely,

Scott Shepard

Enclosure: Shareholder Proposal

## Charitable Giving Reporting

**Whereas:** Charitable contributions should enhance the image of our company in the eyes of the public. Increased disclosure of these contributions would serve to create greater goodwill for our Company. It would also allow the public to better voice its opinions on our corporate giving strategy. Inevitably, some organizations might be viewed more favorably than others. This could be useful in guiding our Company's philanthropic decision making in the future. Corporate giving should ultimately enhance shareholder value.

**Resolved:** That the shareholders request the Company to list the recipients of corporate charitable contributions of \$5,000 or more on the company website, along with the material limitations, if any, placed on the restrictions, and/or the monitoring of the contributions and its uses, if any, that the Company undertakes.

**Supporting Statement:** Current disclosure is insufficient to allow the Company's Board and shareholders to evaluate the proper use of corporate assets by outside organizations and how those assets should be used, especially for controversial causes.