

General Electric Shareholder Meeting Question
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I'm Justin Danhof of the National Center for Public Policy Research, a free-market think tank and a company shareholder. I have a comment and then a quick question.

I thank GE and commend the company for taking an important step in protecting its employees from potential workplace discrimination. When we asked GE if it would consider protecting its employees' right to engage in personal political and civic activities outside the workplace, the company did not hesitate to amend its corporate policies to do just that. Some major American corporations have resisted adopting such protections. GE employees should feel proud to work at a company whose leadership realizes the importance of employee freedoms. Thank you for doing so.

My question concerns the company's dealings with the Clinton Foundation. Numerous sources, including the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New Yorker*, have recently reported that, while Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton lobbied foreign governments on behalf of companies including General Electric at a time when those companies were making donations to the Clinton Foundation. In late 2012, for example, Clinton urged the Algerian government to award a power plant contract to GE. GE contributed to the Clinton Foundation. Then in 2013, Algeria awarded the power plant contract to GE.

By donating to the Clinton Foundation while receiving a huge favor from the Secretary of State, did we not expose our company to the risk of being charged with honest services fraud? I am not accusing the company of any wrongdoing. But you have to admit that the optics suggest a *quid pro quo* could have occurred, and a public official pushing a foreign government to buy a company's products while that company makes a generous donation to that public official's family-run foundation appears to fit even the more limited definitions.

Since Mrs. Clinton had control of her business emails during this time and has said she deleted many of them, GE presumably is the only entity with evidence that everything was above board. To prevent the company from being the focus of any media or public investigation, would you consider making public all the Company's written communications with the State Department during the relevant period?

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