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To: Gary Gensler, Chairman, Securities Exchange Commission
From: Rebekah Beaulieu, Ph.D., Director, Florence Griswold Museum
Re: SEC Proposed Rule S7-10-22

On behalf of the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Connecticut, I am writing in support of proposed rule S7-10-22: The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors. The Florence Griswold Museum is a private, non-profit and thus not a registrant to the Securities and Exchange Commission, but the institution nonetheless has standing regarding this proposed rule:

- The Florence Griswold Museum, as an art institution that includes a historic house on a rural campus, accepts the scientific evidence that human-caused climate change is an existential threat. Therefore, it is vitally important that financial resources be redirected away quickly from climate-harming economic activities and instead toward those that accelerate the rapid decarbonization of the U.S. economy. Transparency regarding a registrant's contributions to climate change and vulnerability to climate-related risks is essential in helping investors to make climate-savvy decisions.
- The Florence Griswold Museum has a sustainable landscape program. More recently we have obtained grants to monitor and document our energy use to better inform our future capital masterplan. As we grow our endowment, we are exploring using environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles. Ensuring the museum's investments do not conflict with its stance on climate change and, in fact, are aligned with the museum's climate goals. This would be aided by the proposed rule changes that would require SEC registrants to disclose information about their direct greenhouse gas emissions and indirect emissions from purchased electricity or other forms of energy.

The Florence Griswold Museum is striving to be a historic site and an art museum that is responsive to climate action. Achieving the carbon reduction goal will require an all-of-society approach and will necessitate investors having the best information possible to help accelerate greenhouse gas reductions. Proposed rule S7-10-22 is critical in helping to redirect trillions of dollars away from investments in climate-harming activities and into climate beneficial ones.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Beaulieu Ph. D.
Director