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Poison Pill Update

John Coates, a former partner of this Firm and now a professor at the Harvard Law School, has written an article that shows beyond cavil that the various “studies” by economists claiming that poison pills have a negative effect on shareholder values are seriously flawed and do not provide a valid basis on which to conclude that there is a negative effect. John’s article is still in draft form and is not ready for circulation. When the article is in final form we will make it available. The article should have a significant impact on institutional investors who have relied on the negative studies to justify their anti-pill activism.

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