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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter with my deepest concerns in regards to the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. I believe that this rule will prevent me from continuing to help people as a Mannatech health consultant. I understand that part of the FTC's responsibilities is to protect the public from "unfair and deceptive acts or practices" but this proposed Business Opportunity Rule will make it nearly impossible for me to sell Mannatech products.

One of the major concerns with this proposed Business Opportunity Rule is the seven day waiting period to enroll new Associates. The Associate purchase is only \$99.00. A TV, stereo, or even a PlayStation costs more than \$99.00 and those consumers are not required to wait seven-days to make a purchase. Mannatech has a buyback policy for all products purchased within a 12 month period. I have been selling the Mannatech products for 2 years. They are great products that have made a significant difference in the quality of health of the consumers.

I am very concerned that the proposed Business Opportunity Rule requires the disclosure of a minimum of 10 prior purchasers nearest to the prospective purchaser. I am very willing to provide references, but the reality of identity theft causes me great concern that personal information would be required to be provided to strangers without their approval. This would be nearly impossible to manage as Mannatech corporate headquarters would have to be contacted prior to every sale to have them provide names of the last 10 prior purchasers. I believe this is a violation of privacy to enforce this distribution of names.

Finally, the proposed Business Opportunity Rule calls for the release of ANY information regarding lawsuits involving misrepresentation, or unfair or deceptive practices. It does not matter if the company is found to be innocent. In todays society, lawyers are generating lawsuits for their own financial gain. It does not make sense to require the disclosure of lawsuits unless the direct selling company is found guilty.

I appreciate the work of the FTC to protect consumers, but I believe this proposed Business Opportunity Rule has many unintended consequences and that there are less burdensome alternatives available in reaching the intended goals.

Thank you for your time in considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Roberta M Steinhauser