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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
U.S. House of Representatives
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: **The FTC's "Business Opportunity Rule" R511993 (16 CRF Part 437)**

Dear Chairman Stearns,

The above bill has been brought to my attention and **it scares me**. Apparently this bill will drastically inhibit our precious domestic freedom to participate in direct selling opportunities. I understand the purpose is to protect individual rights, but at what cost? **This type of rulemaking will have a devastating impact on the entire direct selling industry, of which I am part, by causing an overload of paperwork and record keeping that will not only slow down growth but discourage to the point of failure.**

I understand as well that there has always been a **\$500 rule of exemption** which is being "left out" of this new ruling. Please **reinstate this exemption** so I can continue to work and grow my business without this hindrance. It's already difficult enough to run a small home based business, run a household and work another job. This type of bureaucracy will only diminish the spirits of those trying to provide for themselves and their families. Let's face it, **we can't count on Social Security for our retirement, corporations are raiding our retirement accounts or laying us off and I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CARE OF ME.** God has given me gifts and talents I am trying to use to better myself and those around me, provide for my family and my future and I want the **FREEDOM** to do it without unnecessary and overwhelming obstacles like what this bill will require of me.

Please, reinstate the \$500 exemption. What the heck, why not make it \$5000 since this small of an investment requires only a small risk? Please protect the "Free enterprise" system in this country, for we both know it's the "small business's" that make up the greater portion of our economic society. Don't make it harder for me to do what is already a challenge. I want to do what's right and I don't want to be hand cuffed while I do it. I ask you consider the impact of this bill on people like me if you do not include this exemption. **Please, help me to continue to grow and prosper. My future is in YOUR HANDS.**

Respectfully,

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