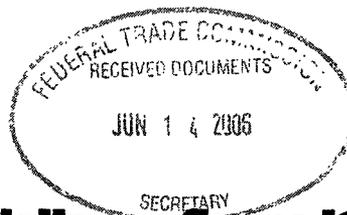




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**Ronald Hopper**

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June 8, 2006

**Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Rm H-135 (Annex W)  
RE: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993  
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
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**Dear Sir or Madam,**

**My name is Ronald Hopper, I am a Mannatech Associate and a Wellness consultant. I am 61 years old and have been promoting Mannatech products for about 18 months. I formerly worked for Consolidated Freightways, a company that went bankrupt in 2002, leaving thousands of their employees broke and of an age which made finding other employment extremely difficult. After investigating ways I could provide for myself through a home based business, I settled on Mannatech due to their proven products and their upright business practices. I am slowly building a business that is helpful to others and a business in which I can take personal pride.**

**My understanding is that with the possible introduction of R511993 my ability to support myself is again being threatened by the possibility of instituting very questionable requirements on people like myself. IE:**

**A SEVEN DAY WAITING PERIOD: Please tell me what business in America is subject to this kind of a rule? I work hard and represent Mannatech's products in a fair and honest light. This rule will make us appear less than honest. Is Wal-Mart crippled by such foolishness? It would also create a recordkeeping nightmare that would make this kind of work impractical. Also because of the wellness aspect involved with these fine products the unnecessary delays can affect a person's restoration to wellness.**

**LITIGATION REPORTING: I have never purchased anything from any person or business where they informed me of any past, or on going litigation, let alone the fact that many of the cases being files in our court system today are frivolous and that is not being addressed.**

**REFERENCES: This again is so impractical; I have never been advised of the last 2 let alone ten people to have purchased a similar item, be it a used car or new TV. When enrolling a person with Mannatech I assure them their information is safe, now it is being proposed that their information must be broadcast and placed into the hands of people unknown to them. How can I build a responsible business with that kind of requirement?**

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**While I appreciate the Federal Trade Commission's goals and understand there are people that will defraud the public in ALL forms of business in America, I have a major concern that Rule R51193 would unfairly target legitimate direct selling businesses and in so doing squelch the entrepreneur in many Americans.**

**I do not want to depend on Social Security for my support. Also I am currently one of the millions of uninsured Americans. One of my goals is to be earning enough by December of 06 to purchase a Catastrophic Health Insurance Policy so should something happen to me prior to my qualifying for Medicare it would not bankrupt me.**

**I am of the opinion that setting this Rule aside is in the best interest of America.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A large, irregular black redaction mark covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

**Ronald Hopfer**