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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993.

I have been in the direct selling industry for 11 years and I am concerned that the proposed rule mentioned above would hamper me in continuing with my business. I have found great success working with a company called Mannatech in Coppell, Texas. They are a very ethical company and with hard work I have reached a top sales level.

I understand that the FTC plays a key role in protecting the public from scams but I feel that adding a lot of complicated rules for the average person to understand and follow would be burdensome, confusing, and unnecessary.

I started my business in order to stay home with my young children. This has allowed me to take care of my family. Direct selling makes up a large portion of small business that positively affects the economy.

I am very concerned that burdensome rules for direct selling will interfere with our family's well being.

The parts of the proposed rule that concern me are:

The 7-day waiting period

This projects a feeling of danger. A legitimate company offers no danger, only opportunity. Someone could join our company by purchasing any products for $39 - why should someone have to wait 7 days to purchase $39 worth of product?! Why should it be harder to buy product from direct sales than it is to purchase items in a store?

Disclosure of 10 prior purchasers

This would be creating a tremendous hardship. Now more than ever, people are protecting their financial activities. Many do not want their identities and activities passed around on a list!

Litigation information

With the current litigious environment where a company can be sued for no cause, I find it very unproductive to have to divulge litigation until a final judgment is reached.

Thank you for your time in considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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