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Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Rm H-135 (Annex W)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm writing to express a strong opposition to the Business Opportunity Rule R511993. It is my understanding that the Federal Trade Commission is directed to protect the public from "unfair and deceptive acts or practices." However, this rule as proposed would make the operating of my business as a Shaklee Independent Distributor very difficult.

The proposed rule of the seven-day waiting period to enroll new distributors would create a lot of confusion and distrust. New people signing up as members usually are buying products at the same time and desiring to have those products as soon as possible.

The proposed rule requires the disclosure of a minimum of 10 prior purchasers nearest to the prospective purchaser. I am very uncomfortable giving out the personal information of other Shaklee distributors, without their knowledge or consent. Identity theft is so prevalent these days that the average person is being put into an uncomfortable position just trying to do their day to day business. If a person buys a business opportunity from the seller, that contact information can easily be disclosed in the future to other buyers. This would discourage many people from becoming involved in what could be a great opportunity for them. This is very ruling would be very burdensome from sides.

The 10 reference requirements is definitely not reasonable. To obtain the list of 10 prior purchasers, I will need to provide Shaklee Corp. with the prospective distributor's address and wait to receive the list of the 10 nearest distributors who became distributors within the past three years. All of this will result in more than a seven-day wait before anyone can sign an application. This is totally unreasonable.

I have been a Shaklee Distributor for the past 15 years. Originally, I became a Distributor because of the wonderful nutritional products and the resulting benefits. I wanted to earn as additional income working from home. After this length of time, my family depends upon this extra income to supplement our budget. Please consider how this proposed ruling will impact in a very negative way our livelihood and will deter others needing to have the same opportunity that we have been able to take advantage of.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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