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

Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993

Dear Sir or Madam

I am sending this letter to express my strong opposition to the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. I am not an attorney so I won't pretend to know the entire impact of such a rule. But I do know what it takes to build a direct selling business. It is a difficult task requiring the same dedication and sacrifice that any business requires. What makes it so wonderful is that people from all walks of life can and have built successful network marketing businesses. Network marketing allows people to start small and build while holding on to the security of their current job. It's an opportunity for the average guy in America to get ahead. However, a rule like this will be tremendously detrimental to that effort. It will simply make it too difficult to build a business.

My wife and I are both teachers. We value our Shaklee business tremendously. It is and will continue to be a critical part of our retirement plan and we look forward to continuing to introduce others to this opportunity. Business Opportunity Rule R511993 could take that away from us and from many other future business builders.

Attached with this letter is a statement that I have borrowed, that explains in greater detail some of the specific concerns we have.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
