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To: FTC

I am almost 65 yrs. old, have no savings and no retirement. I've been self-employed for many years so my income has been erratic. I have began a "direct selling" business and was hoping this would pay my bills throughout my elderly years. My estimated So. Sec. check will be $810 per month. Hardly enough to live on!!! Now, it is my understanding that the FTC wants to drastically alter our sales methods! Why does the government make it so difficult to earn a living? A 7-day waiting period would only shine my reputable company in a negative light. (Direct sales is tough enough to gain credibility!) It's also harder to keep my records straight with 7-day delays.

You want to report on litigation - but you don't want to distinguish between who won & who lost! Unfair. Again, making legitimate companies look bad! Your "reference" changes aren't practical and involve privacy issues, which, in turn could cause more identity theft! I can appreciate your goals with the trash companies, but your proposed rule would unfairly target those companies that are legitimate direct selling businesses. Please protect my future livlihood and allow me to earn a living by representing a wonderful company.

Thank you.

Pat Smith

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