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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been in the Direct Selling Wellness Industry for over 10 years. I've had to endure the fact that there are many hyped companies selling bogus products or no products at all. I do believe what the FTC is trying to do is meant to help protect consumers but the rules suggested give people like myself a huge disadvantage in the business arena. These rules almost make me feel that I'm in business selling harmful and that's just not true.

I don't understand the waiting period when I'm sharing a basic \$100 product package and a wholesale membership. Costco doesn't need a waiting period. Nor does any other sold memberships I've ever heard of. It is ridiculous to assume that a waiting period is going to do more good than harm. I don't sell fire arms. I sell wellness products. If you want to protect consumers, take the fraudulent companies out of the picture. Don't place a burden on all the people who are in legally in business.

Only if the government had to tell everybody wanting to become a US citizen what they've been sued for. That would be a great way to deter immigration. Realistically, the rule of having to tell every future customer about any legal actions we are taking or that are against us is ridiculous. Would it make sense if every time you went to McDonalds for a value meal, the server at the counter had to read you a list of people suing for the coffee being too hot or slipping on the wet floor in the bathroom? What about every time Costco sold a membership, they had to explain that they were being sued for some issue. Whether we win a case or lose, most cases are in pending status or ongoing for years. And many people who sue have no merit behind their case. Yet this rule does not clear that.

For many years, my customers have come to me with confidence knowing that I could offer my support anytime they needed it. I build a trust with my customers and am not planning on divulging their names and telephone numbers to new customers. Number one, that invades their privacy. Number two, it would be almost impossible to call the corporate office every time I have a new customer to send me a list of ten newest customers in that area. Plus I wouldn't be able to build a trust with my customers.

I have been in business for over 10 years with Mannatech because my mom wouldn't be here without their support. Doctors had given my mom no choice but to wait for death. They have changed my life both physically and financially. My family depends on the Mannatech business and I have not had problems thus far. I have not received any complaints from customers and in my opinion I believe these rules will be more harmful than the illegal pyramid schemes that are already hurting our industry.

These new laws are damaging to my current and future business and will keep me from protecting my customers and will make a burdening task to earn the trust of new customers. It just makes me wonder as to if the people who drew up these rules ever worked in the industry they are trying to help. It really doesn't seem like it.

With regards,

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