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Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary,
Room H-135 (AnnexW)
Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Sir or Madam:

My husband and I are retired. Participating in an MLM business allows us to earn some extra money from home to supplement our retirement income. We have tried several opportunities and have made some money. We now have developed the communication and interent skills to allow us to continue doing business. However, Proposed Rule R511993 as presented will put many roadblocks in our way if not completely ruin our opportunity to sell good and services.

1. Crooks that currently violate the rule which is at \$500 will not be hampered by \$0 dollar limit.
2. The disclosure form itself will generate tons of paperwork that legitimate small home businesses will find very hard to deal with.
3. The Seven-Day Waiting Period casts MLM in a negative light which is unfair. The record keeping and administrative problems for small businesses would be horrendous. Good people would have to undergo unnecessary delays.
4. In our litigious society almost anyone can be sued for any reason. Therefore, the litigation reporting would need to distinguish between civil and criminal cases to the general public. Only cases that resulted in a winning guilty verdict should need to be reported.
5. We have dangerous people living in our society. The requirement for 10 references in an area is unrealistic and actually could be dangerous. Giving out the names of distributors and customers to strangers in the general public could very well result in cases of rape, identity theft and other crimes of passion. Women in my organization may be subject to sexual or racial harassment so this part can't go in at all, unless the FTC passes an addition to this rule Prohibiting sexual or racial attacks related to this disclosure. In the end the rule must bind the FTC to take direct enforcement action on sexual and racial attacks with a special unit assigned to monitor actions related to the disclosure forms. If asked, I would not allow my name to be given out as a reference to strangers on the internet. It will be very difficult to get 10 people to agree to be references.

I understand the FTC's desire to protect people, but Rules R511993 as proposed would do more harm than good in my opinion.

Sincerely,

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