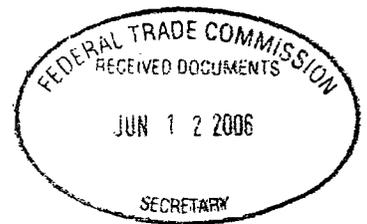


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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am deeply concerned by information I just have received regarding the changes proposed by Business Opportunity Rule R511993. If the changes should go through as they are currently worded, I am concerned that not only would it drastically affect my livelihood and that of my family, but also force many back into situations that they have been able to escape through Direct selling, such as needing state help or declaring bankruptcy.

I understand that the FTC is doing a job in trying to keep things fair, but I also know that there are many checks and balances already in place to immediately clear up any problems that arise within the direct sales industry. The DSA monitors everything on a regular basis to ensure that companies operate fairly. The DSA understands the industry and can effectively monitor the ethical practices of businesses without adding unfair legislation and restrictions such as have been proposed. I am not a fan of Big Government, especially when they try to over regulate in areas that they have no understanding. I do not feel that the suggested changes will benefit the industry or the lives of people associated with the industry.

My husband and I have been involved in some form of network marketing for the past 13 years. It has been such a blessing in our lives, giving us a better outlook on life in general as we have become more positive by associating with positive people and rewarding us for our labors in ways that have changed who we are and how we live, physically, emotionally, and financially. We feel better because of the products we have been using and financially it has been a tremendous blessing in our lives. Our current involvement as independent distributors of Synergy WorldWide is now our sole source of income. We were on state aid (due to some medical set backs) and working three different jobs when we began this current venture. Through some effort we have been able to get out of debt and get back on our feet. We are currently an asset to our community instead of a hindrance. We now find our greatest joy in bringing that same hope to others. We have improved countless lives through the products we have sold. We have helped a number of people to pay off debts or avoid declaring bankruptcy through helping them to also sell the products to others. We are all about improving the community through bringing people quality products and also helping them find a second form of income that can bless their lives and that of those around them. We know the security that comes when there is residual income coming in each month.

Just tonight we watched sadly as a man was lifted up on the life flight helicopter to the hospital after being involved in a terrible accident. The thought that crossed my mind was the state of his family. Are they taken care of if he doesn't make it? Thanks to our participation in Synergy WorldWide we have been blessed with peace of mind that comes from knowing that if one of us were to die suddenly, our children would still be provided for without the remaining spouse being forced to work and leave our precious little ones in day care. That is a priceless feeling. Please do not compromise our future and that of countless others like us by passing the changes you are proposing. Please do not stifle the growth in our business and take that hope away. We are pleading that you reconsider your action and our children are as well. This affects not only us, but generations to come.

I am not sure that all the ramifications have been considered... There is so much identity theft going on these days. I certainly don't feel that it is fair to force our information to be disclosed to satisfy the governments request for references. I don't feel that the proposed increase in paperwork will benefit anyone. I am extremely concerned at the amount of time it could take to comply with everything in order to avoid fines and lawsuits. And speaking of lawsuits, I really feel that there are dishonest people out there who would run amock with frivolous lawsuits

against good upstanding companies. Those lawsuits then needing to be disclosed would cast an inaccurate negative light over otherwise good upstanding companies. Is this really necessary? I was once called a bad name but that doesn't make me a bad person and I certainly don't now introduce myself to new people by telling them what somebody once said about me that wasn't even true. That makes no sense. Disclosing all the dirt that is thrown in a company's direction, rightfully or otherwise, can make even the cleanest and most ethical company look dirty. Many such as ours are already an open book for all to see if they desire. Please do not make us broadcast negative actions, especially when they were unfounded or incorrect in the first place. Please don't cast this light over Direct Sales and Network marketing. They can and have created an amazing industry, changing lives just like mine. Please don't make them out to be something to avoid.

As for the seven day waiting period to join a company, is it really necessary to cast such a negative aura around what we are trying to accomplish? We have a great system that says we must follow up within 24 hours to give them more information and you then have a limited window of time in which to help them see results through the products or financially in order for the company to impact their lives on a long term basis. If they have to wait 7 days to even sign up you have already cut their potential for success way down. Not to mention the impact it would have on creating any momentum within an organization. Please do not do this. They are not buying a weapon. We do not suspect them of anything nor they us so why create the negative environment to slow them down before they can even get going? No one makes you wait before you can get a prescription or over the counter medication and harm can actually be done with some of those items. Often when I share the products with a new customer they cannot wait to try the product for themselves. How sad if I have to inform them that although they really need the product that I have shown them they will not be able to get it for a few weeks as the FTC mandates that money can not change hands for 7 days and then at that point the product will be shipped. So in about 2 weeks they will be able to try the product they are trying to purchase. Next time your need a prescription and they make you wait 7 days to purchase it, I hope you'll let me know how that works for you.

I just am so saddened by the proposed changes as they cast what we do into such a negative light. When all we are trying to do is bring amazing products to people to change the quality of their lives. We also just want to have a fair opportunity at free enterprise. Please keep in mind that there are great, ethical honest companies out there trying to do all the right things. Please don't bog us down with needless paperwork and red tape, stopping us from accomplishing the good that we could have done. We owe it to the public to bring them these products. Please do not hurt them by tying our hands.

PLEASE PUT A STOP TO THESE CHANGES !!!!!!!!!

If you pass these changes as they currently stand, it will change lives just like mine, and not for the better. Our county is about free enterprise. All we want is a fair chance. Please make that possible and DO NOT PASS THIS RULING.

You have my future and that also of my children in your hands so PLEASE tread carefully. We have a lot of good to do if you'll let us.
Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Tricia Albrechtsen



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