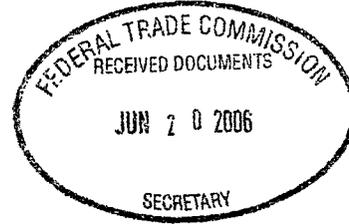


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Federal Trade Commission  
Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex W)  
Re: Business Opportunity Rule R511993  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580



Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter because I am concerned that if the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993 is adopted in its present form, my livelihood as a Synergy Worldwide distributor will be significantly undermined.

In a free enterprise system as we have in America, entrepreneurs should not be penalized for their initiative in pursuing a legitimate business in an honest manner. Rather, effort should be made to more severely punish those who violate current laws and "scam" people. I, too, am concerned about those who are not honest in their dealings with others. But the FTC should not enact a ruling that would adversely affect millions of others who are legitimately pursuing an honest livelihood.

If R511993 is enacted, it will adversely affect the growing number of individuals pursuing livelihoods in the multilevel marketing business. This is a growing area of our U.S. economy and R511993 will stall growth in this sector. Rather, I would recommend that the FTC enact a rule that would severely punish those who do take advantage of others. If there is a "pattern" of abuse by a distributor or salesperson (because the same thing could happen in the insurance or financial consulting sectors), why not punish those who are deliberately and knowingly harming less informed consumers?

We have too many regulations already. The problem is we are too lenient in enforcing or punishing those who break these laws and regulations. Hurt them where it counts—their pocketbooks and put them away for a couple of years in prison. Dishonest people should be punished and discouraged from harming those not better informed or those vulnerable.

Please reconsider enacting R511993. It will be harming those of us who are trying to make an honest living by offering opportunities to others. Punish those who harm others but don't harm the many, many of us who are doing an honest living.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of my request.

Sincerely yours,

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Earl K. Okawa