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Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H135 (Annex W)
Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20580
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. I do direct sales as an associate with a company called Mannatech. This business started out as a means to help my patients in maintaining their wellness and after 8 years it has also become an income to help support my family. I understand the FTC's concern about protecting the public from fraudulent companies but this rule will essentially make it very difficult, if not impossible for me to do direct sales.

One of my biggest oppositions to this ruling is the seven day waiting period. I am selling Mannatech's nutritional products that start at a cost of about 100.00. I have never had to wait 7 days to buy anything in this country, items that cost more than that. Mannatech already has a 90% buyback policy for up to one year on all their packs and promotional materials. Under this waiting period, I will have to fill out detailed reports and send them to the company regarding a perspective associate and then many follow up reports

This rule also requires that the prospective client be informed of all lawsuits against the company whether the company defeated the lawsuit or lost. This places a negative connotation on the company. There are many frivolous lawsuits filed and companies that file class action lawsuits "trolling" for business. I feel that the companies should only have to discuss lawsuits that they have LOST. Why list all the others. This in essence will make a huge negative impact on the direct sales companies and their associates

As a Health Care Professional, I am acutely aware of confidentiality. To ask that the names of the last ten associates enrolled be made available will stop enrollees. I am very worried about identity theft and this ruling will curtail their business, and business I am in will deprive these people of much needed whole food nutrition v desperately need.

I appreciate your work in protecting the public, but the rules will bring direct sales to its knees, which in turn will have a huge negative impact on the economy and the thousands of associates who do legitimate and honest work.

Thank you for your time in considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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