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Federal Trade Commission  
Office of the Secretary, Room H-135  
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20580



Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter because I am concerned that if proposed **Business Opportunity Rule R511993** is adopted in its present form, my livelihood as a Mannatech independent associate will be significantly undermined.

While the rule is well intentioned, unnecessary governmental interference in the free enterprise process sets a dangerous precedent. Cherished values are at stake, and the FTC needs to be aware of the potential dangers of this ill-considered action.

The public is not well served by the FTC's over regulation of an industry that adequately polices itself. Mannatech complies with all applicable buy back requirements and always makes it easy for individuals to exit the Company, if the business opportunity is not right for them.

While the FTC needs to protect the public where necessary, this proposed rule is hopelessly overbroad and misguided. The seven-day waiting period is unnecessary and will interfere with my ability to enter into lawful transactions and enroll new associates. People buy TV's, cars, and other much more costly items without such a waiting period. This proposed waiting period gives the impression that something is inherently wrong with this business model.

Burdensome paperwork, which will not even be read by the public, makes it extremely difficult for the individual participant to fully comply, thereby risking fines and other penalties for such failures, however innocent. Disclosure of personal contact information of previous purchasers is in direct opposition to the protection of privacy that is mandated by other government regulations. The disclosure of previous litigation fails to distinguish between legitimate and frivolous lawsuits. By these actions, the FTC does a disservice to the consuming public and Americans everywhere who are trying to get ahead by starting their own business, or earning necessary supplemental income to help support their families.

While I appreciate the work of the FTC in protecting consumers, I believe this proposed new rule has many unintended consequences that could be avoided by a less burdensome approach. Involving the Direct Selling Association in the design of such legislation is necessary to prevent unnecessary constraints on the ethical business practices of millions of Americans, which will threaten their very livelihood.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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