

Hello,

As a long-time contact lense wearer, I am writing to indicate my ardent support of the recently passed Fairness to Contact Lense Consumers Act of 2003.

I have long been frustrated by my eye doctor's reluctance to share my contact lense prescription with other, more competitive suppliers. Forcing me to buy my contacts from my doctor removes the competition necessary to keep contact lense prices competitive. He has a captive market, and can charge whatever he likes. Additionally, being limited to purchasing from a doctor's office is inconvenient and time consuming, since picking up the contacts (purely an administrative errand in which you do not see a professional) requires visiting the office during office hours.

I hope you will continue to keep my, and other lense wearers, needs in mind and not put any limitations on this new, much welcomed, legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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