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To whom it may concern:

I have struggled for many years trying to purchase contact lenses from someone other than my optomistrist. It is impossible to do so without the prescription itself. This monopoly (failing to provide me with the prescription effectly renders consumer choice useless) must cease as it exists entirely at the expense of the consumer. There really is no on-point responding argument that I can see.

Absent the portability rights, which i pay for when the optomitrist gives me the bill, there is no competition (the doctor patient relationship is important - i don't want to go to just anyone nor do i want to be forced to go to the optomitrist that charges a lower price for the lenses because quite frankly i do not already know them and they do not know the history of my eyes). For these

reasons, i would appreciate your resolve in ignoring lobbying efforts backed by cash and glossy paid spokespeople and simply listening to the individual americans such as myself WHO ALREADY HAVE PAID THE OPTOMITRISTS TO CHECK THEIR

EYES AND PRESCRIBE THE PROPER CORRECTIVE LENSES. The prescription in and of itself is useless until i need to have it filled. The optometrist has been paid for his services once and I resent being hijacked by the optometrist to utilize a

service for which i did not necessarily want to receive from him - it's like going to a auto mechanic for an oil change and he advises that he cannot do the oil change without taking the tires off the car. Once the tires are off, he advises the oil change is complete. Of course you cannot drive the car away - the tires are off - so you have to pay him to put the tires back on the car. Do

what is right - we go to optometrist for him/her to tell us what our prescription is in order that we may purchase the "tools" with which to fix it. We pay for this service. Just as it is my choice to select which optometrist i want to render this service, it is equally my right to select which lens retailer i want to purchase the very tool that was prescribed to me by the optometrist. The only

reason for their resistance is to keep a monopoly on the very personal knowledge about me that i need to make a decision. This ideals of this contrary

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resisting a monopoly and today by this lengthy email (my investment in government), i ask that you do the right thing - PRESERVE MY RIGHTS AS A PAYING CONSUMER TO CHOOSE WITH WHOM I WANT TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.