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Subject: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

As a contact lens wearer and health care consumer I wish to urge you to support the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003

As the person who pays for the service, I should have a right to a copy of my own prescription - whether I ask for it or not. And as a consumer I should have the right to shop around and get the best price I can for my lens.

Although my present doctor gives me no problem, my ex-husband and I did have a problem once. We called from another state to ask for his prescription because he had lost a contact (the prescription was less than 6 months old). The previous doctor would only give it to directly to the new provider (what were we going to do—sell it on the black market?) And the new provider, of course, wanted to do a new examination (\$\$\$). Neither could offer a medical reason for their actions.

If eye doctors are lobbying against these rights, they have an obvious conflict of interest. To them, restricting my access to my prescription and where I can purchase lens is not in my best interest. This law encourages them to be competitive and offer fuller service.

Thank you for your attention too this matter.

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