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To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003

This is just a message in support of the above-referenced Act with the hope that you do not allow doctors lobbying against it to reverse it.

I am located in Delaware where contacts are extremely expensive. I have had contact lenses for 43 years and have gone out-of-state just to get lower price examinations, as well as purchasing the lenses themselves.

Even though my health insurance covers my eye exams, the last time I went for an eye exam in Delaware (2 years ago), I had to pay extra because it was a new doctor and was told that the extra charge was for fitting. I did not get a new fitting (I actually gave them the fittings that I've always had). I was able to get my prescription, but they were not happy about it. I actually told them the prescription was for eye glasses because I already had the sizes for my contacts.

Everyone is busy these days, but the convenience of being able to order contacts through the mail and not having to go and pick them up (plus pay the exorbitant prices that doctors want to charge) is something that I think I have a right to do. Please do not allow lobbying doctors to gouge their patients for anymore than they do already. Thank you.