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Subject: Tina Bowness asks you the FTC to continue support of Contact Lens Rule, Project No. 411002

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The Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H (Annex A)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20580

Re: Request for Continued Support of Contact Lens Rule, Project No. 411002

Dear Federal Trade Commission,

Last year, Congress passed the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003. I support the new Contact Lens Law and am concerned that lobbyists opposing the law on behalf of some eye doctors may overturn it. I understand that the law says once my contact lens fitting is done, my eye doctor must give me a copy of your own prescription ? whether I ask for it or not.

My personal experience with an reputable and talented ophthamologist was that he would not give me the prescription for my contact lenses and mandated that I buy them from his office. To be honest, the office is very inconvenient to my home and to make two or three trips a year to pick up my disposable lenses takes too much time. For this reason alone I do not go to the same doctor. When I order online I save \$20 every time and they are delivered right to my door - sometimes with free shipping. My eyesight is important and I will always make sure they are examined every 1-2 years but I do not feel that the person who provided my contact lenses should be limited to the doctor's office.

Eyeglass wearers have had a right to copies of their prescriptions for years. Today, it is easy and convenient to buy eyeglasses. As a contact lens wearer, I want the same rights, and this new law will give the right to me.

Sincerely,

Tina Korecky Bowness

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