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I cannot believe that you are even seeking comment on this....ANYTHING that increases competition in this field should be done. The fact that there is a mandate for a prescription for contacts is a joke. I know of no other country that enforces this - and yet there is no widespread blindness or general mayhem. This is nothing other than a protectionist handout to a special interest group, in this case optometrists. I have had the exact same prescription and brand of contacts for over ten years and yet, every 12 months or so, I get to spend \$60 to have a doctor write it down for me. Reform and regulation of the contact lens prescription requirement is overdue, but why not just eliminate the need for a prescription altogether. That would be doing something for ALL consumers, not just for those doctors who are provided a guaranteed revenue stream by unneeded regulation that, by increasing the cost of contacts and thus the temptation to replace them less frequently, is actually INCREASING the risk of injury.