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**Subject:** Contact Lens Rule, Project No. 411002

Attention: Contact Lens Rule, Project No. 411002

Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Rm.159-H (Annex A)

600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington DC 20580

Our family was very pleased when Congress passed the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act last year because it seemed only appropriate to finally require eye doctors to give their patients a copy of their own prescription (whether asked for or not) once done with a patient's fitting. And we also approved of making it a violation of Federal law if an eye doctor:

- Ø Doesn't readily provide patients with a prescription copy;
- Ø Charges patients for a prescription copy;
- Ø Makes patients sign a waiver in order to provide a copy; or
- Ø Makes buying lenses a condition of receiving a copy of a patient's prescription.

Unless pricing is government-regulated, we consumers should have no obligation to buy our contact lenses from our eye doctor. Nor should we have to be forced to wait days rather than hours before our lenses can be shipped! Consumers have a right to expect convenience and fast service when ordering contact lenses. Please don't take these rights away from us. My son who wears contacts is just one of three children, two of which are in college, and every dollar we spend unnecessarily on health-care items is a hardship on our budget.

We are writing today to let you know that we oppose that part of the proposed rule which could make consumers wait days for our lenses. There are numerous times when for many different reasons, a patient needs to order and receive new lenses QUICKLY. Please don't take that right away from us.

Sincerely,

Debra Laybhen