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To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Contact lens law support

To whom it concerns;

I understand that there is a push on by some interests to limit my ability to obtain my prescription for corrective lenses, either eyeglass or contacts, from my eye care provider. I am strongly against this limitation. I am a consumer in a free country and I believe that it is my choice to whom I go for medical care and it is my choice where I get my prescriptions filled. By not being able to obtain my prescription, I would be forced to make purchases of medical supplies from a provider that I may not choose freely.

I do use contact lenses and eyeglasses and I can tell you that there is a vast difference in prices. An eye care provider is typically DOUBLE the price I have been able to find at other retailers. I believe that I have the right to shop where I choose. The eye care practitioner HAS benn paid for the service provided and I believe I should be able to take that prescription anywhere I choose.

I can see why this push is on, one more blow to consumer's pocketbooks and I cannot support a government action that would take away from me, it is an outrage to think that anyone could even have the nerve to present the proposal.

Like many Americans, I have had the experience of rising health insurance costs and no access to dental and vision care insurance through my employer.

This action to limit our rights to choose where we purchase our products is a serious one with a financial impact.

Will my government make me pay into the provider's pockets twice as much as what I could have paid just in order to pad the pockets of the provider?

Could such an action even be considered. It's so ridiculous that I just have to say that I am going to tell everyone I know that this is going on and ask them to send a simple e-mail that just says "I support the law protecting my right to purchase contact lenses and eyeglasses from whomever I choose" How could anything else even be considered?

Remember! The provider IS paid for his services! He just wants more and is willing to force the money from my pocket to his palm. Let them be more competitive in their own pricing! Don't give them the corner on the market just because they perform the diagnosis! I have the right and I want to keep my right to obtain my prescription and have it filled wherever I choose.

Sincerely,
Karen DeLong