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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2004 8:56 AM
To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: my input on proposed federal legislation - a bad deal for consumers

I understand that in 2003 you passed legislation which requires doctors to give the patient a copy of his/her prescription when contact lenses are dispensed. I am very much in support of this legislation, however, the law runs contrary to an experience that I had with an eye doctor attached to of the national chains, Lenscrafters. We were given a prescription for my son's lenses, but only after asking for it, and in the prescription they provided it was written for their 'private label or house' brand lens. There is no doubt in my mind that this was a direct effort on their part to make it more difficult to shop around. 1-800 Contacts was able to cut through the screen and eventually provide us with a Proclear Compatible lens, but again, I seriously feel that the effort of Lenscrafters was to make my ability to go to an outside vendor more difficult.

I firmly support the consumers right to do their homework and shop for the best price and most convenient means of obtaining lenses.

I also believe that that prescriptions are now good for only one year is a part of the effort to stem competition. As an adult, I am well aware of any changes in my visual perception, and again, I feel that the one year prescription is an effort to prevent one from going outside of the web to obtain refills.

Sincerely,

Julie Restuccia