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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2004 3:32 PM
To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: re: alleged proposal of the "wait rule" for contacts

To Whom it may concern at the FTC, (Federal Trade Commission)

My name is Valerie Chesnut of FL. My daughter and I wear contact lenses as our primary vision correction method. I have been informed that a new consumer act was passed, stating that we no longer have to purchase our contacts from the eye dr., and that it would be a Federal Offense, if the dr., tries to make us buy them as a "condition" of the exam. That is GREAT! However, I was also informed, and I hope I was "misinformed" that the FTC was trying to pass a "rule" that would delay getting a prescription filled for DAYS after the examination. Is this true? If so, what would be the purpose for that?

I can see why the state won't allow a cremation to take place for at least 48 hours, and why there is a 72 hour waiting period in order to buy a gun. I really can't even think of ONE half-decent reason for having to wait to get your contacts ordered.

Unfortunately, I can only speak for myself and my daughter, but I am reasonably sure that the majority of the population of contact users, would also not appreciate such a rule. It sounds senseless and very inconvenient.

This would be an extreme inconvenience, and a senseless one too.
I humbly request that if this is true, that you would kindly disregard that idea, and never put the "rule" into force.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Valerie A. Chesnut

<<<<<<Last year, Congress passed the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act. It says once your contact lens fitting is done, your eye doctor must give you a copy of your own prescription - whether you ask for it or not. If he or she doesn't provide you your prescription, it is now a violation of Federal law.

Your eye doctor can not charge you for a copy of your prescription. He or she can not make you sign a waiver. He or she can not make you buy lenses as a condition of receiving your prescription. You have no obligation to buy your contact lenses from your eye doctor.

Will this law make it easier for you to buy contacts? That depends. The Federal Trade Commission has proposed a rule which could force you to wait days (not hours) before your lenses can be shipped!>>>>>>