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- 1) I support the new Contact Lens Law which gives me the right to shop around to compare prices and purchase contact lenses from my chosen retailer.
- 2) I not only want it to be easy and convenient for me to purchase contact lenses, but I want the freedom to choose where and from whom I can buy them.
- 3) Several years ago I had great difficulty just trying to obtain a prescription for eyeglasses and contact lenses from my ophthalmologist. After paying him several hundred dollars for an annual checkup, I would have to pay almost the same fee for an optometrist to again examine my vision before he would sell me eyeglasses and/or contact lenses. Well that problem is behind me since this new law was instituted. I am now able to obtain an annual prescription from my ophthalmologist and then order contact lenses online through 1-800-CONTACTS at a considerable discounted price. However, last week I was able to buy my contact lenses through COSTCO at an even greater discounted price than from 1-800-CONTACTS.

Businesses continue to raise prices by 10% - 20% each year and retail prices continue to rise, but my salary increases at only 3% each year. Each year I must learn to do without certain items or find items at cheaper prices. I cannot afford to buy at retail prices anymore. No law which is rigid, limited and defining can benefit our society and economy. This new Contact Lens Law supports competitive pricing, which is one of the cornerstones of a free and fair economy.