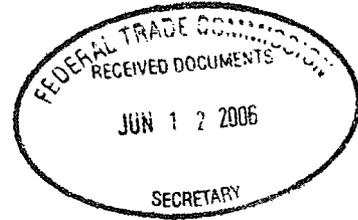


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Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex W)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580



Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993

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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my belief that federal government should never obstruct free enterprise, after all that is one of the reasons the United States enjoys such a high standard of living. Was it not one of the reasons that our founding fathers banded together, to establish a form of government and economic system that allowed the individual citizen to develop, expand and use his or her own initiative to further their own cause?

Yes, if an activity is illegal or does harm to others, the Federal Government should step in. This is only right and logical. However, for the Federal Trade Commission to use its power to restrict, impede, and stand in the way of citizens of the United States, to develop a legitimate business enterprise is beyond what our founding fathers intended.

I do understand that there are many strong special interests groups that are pushing for this legislation, but their goal is only to restrict competition. But again may I ask, is this what our founding fathers would want?

A provision of this "Business Opportunity Rule" provides for the release of any information regarding lawsuits involving misrepresentation, or deceptive practices. This is a good ruling only if the company was found guilty. Too many lawsuits are founded on lies and have no foundation in fact. A company should not be penalized for unfounded accusations.

My wife and I have been with a company, Mannatech Inc., which I am sure you would find to be completely honest and ethical. We are not what you would call very successful in our endeavors, but we do produce an income of some \$500 a month. This may not seem like a large sum to you, but when one is living on retirement income and social security, I am sure you can see that it does help us to survive.

Remember—*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*—don't cave into the special interest groups.

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