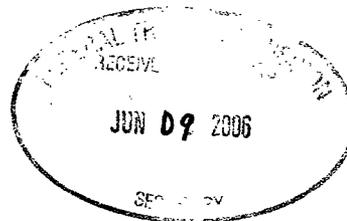


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June 3, 2006

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

Re: Business Opportunity Rule, R511993

Dear Sir or Madam;

I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. I believe that in its present form, it will have a devastating effect on my business as a Mannatech Associate. Although I understand that the FTC's job is to protect the public from "unfair and deceptive acts or practices," this proposed rule is really going overboard. It will make it extremely difficult for me and hundreds of thousands of other people in the network marketing industry to continue with our businesses — businesses that we depend upon to support our families.

One of the most objectionable parts of this proposal is the seven-day waiting period. It gives the impression that there might be something shady or dishonest about our program. In fact, Mannatech guarantees their products, and if the customer changes their mind, wants to return the product pack and asks for their money back, they will get their money back — no questions asked! I understand that most network marketing companies have a similar policy.

I also object to being required to disclose information about lawsuits brought against the company. What if the company was found innocent? It still looks bad.

The rule also would require disclosing a minimum of ten prior purchasers. That means that new associates would be having their personal information given out to other people they don't know. Who in their right mind would want their personal contact information disclosed to a bunch of total strangers? Many people would shy away from the business for this reason alone.

I understand that the FTC is trying to protect the public, and I imagine that there have been cases in which consumers have been damaged by fraudulent companies. But Mannatech is a company of honesty and integrity. Why should

Mannatech associates who are striving to obey the law and treat their customers fairly be punished for crimes committed by others. And it would be punishment!

I have been striving for several years to build a business that would supplement my family's income and pay for such things as my sons' college tuition. If this rule becomes law, I may see my whole business crumble into rubble and all my family's dreams for the future go up in smoke.

This rule would tar the entire network marketing industry and would, in effect, tell the American public that such opportunities are not to be trusted, even though the vast majority of network marketing companies are law-abiding and honest. There must be a better way to deal with lawbreakers than to inflict this hardship on a group of people who have done nothing wrong.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Monte