

We started our business in March 1999. We are now at the level of Founders Platinum. The reason we decided to start our business was both financial and personal. My husband was a Timber Falling Contractor and in 1992 he had a timber falling accident. His back was broken in two places and he received a severe brain injury. Due to the severity of the brain injury Workmen's Compensation and Social Security would not retrain him. They said he was not capable of even taking money at the Golden Gate Bridge.

I was working for the State of California, Department of Corrections and did not like the idea of working in that environment until I was 65. When we started our business we were both 48. This business has given my husband back his dignity. With the help of our support team he has become a very powerful leader in our group. Together we have replaced my income and I retired from my job on March 6, 2006.

When we saw the plan we were made aware that this business takes a lot of work. We knew it was not a "get rich quick" plan. But the way we looked at it neither was working for the State of California. We always tell people the same thing we were told. People will match your efforts but we can't do it all for you.

We are very concerned with the negative nature of your proposed rule. We were in a very fragile state at the time this business was shared with us. My husband after years of surgeries and physical therapy lived a life of pain and agony, withdrawing into our home and becoming very reclusive. If all of this negative information had been shared with us I am not sure we would have been strong enough to sort it all out.

Travel can be very hard on my husband. We travel at times hours away from our home and if we are not allowed to sign someone up that evening it means another trip in seven days when we could of accomplished the same thing in one evening. If a prospect changes their mind they get their money back.

We are not comfortable giving out information on other IBOs in our group. We take a lot of care to make the prospect feel good about working with us. After all this is going to be an on going relationship that will last for years and years.

The requirement to provide a "litigation list" we do not understand at all. It would seem to us that before we put any money in savings at a bank that they would have to give us a list of all the bad loans they had made in the past ten years. Before we ate at a restaurant they would have to give us a list of anyone who had claimed they had become ill from eating there in the past ten years. Before we were treated by a doctor they would have to give us a list of any and all patients who were not happy with the treatment they had received in the past ten years. The list could go on and on, but we think you get our point.

When you are signing someone up it is right on the registration form what the average IBO makes a year. That has never been hidden. We explain that to everyone we sign up.

Since we became a part of this organization we have started going to church. We have had the opportunity to give to charities and we have just recently been able to sponsor a little girl from El Salvador. She is three years old and we have made an agreement to sponsor her until she turns eighteen. There are so many ways being apart of this business has changed our lives. We shutter to think of what we would be doing today if we had not said yes to this idea.

This is Free Enterprise at its finest. It gives the average person a chance to live a different kind of life. Government agencies turned their backs on us when my husband was injured. He wanted to be retained but they would not. This Team came to our aid and changed our lives completely.

We hope you will look at the good this company does and look at all the hard working people that have put their blood, sweat, and tears into this business. It is not easy but it is so worth it!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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