

July 17, 2006

Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary
600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Federal Trade Commission Member:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed regulations in FTC Business Opportunity Rule #R511993. I am concerned about several issues in this legislation and am writing to ask that the current draft be revised.

I am a leader with PartyLite Gifts, Inc. I joined PartyLite as a consultant in February of 2003 to earn income to send my daughters to college. PartyLite's business opportunity appealed to me because of the no cost investment, the Buy Back Agreement if I chose not to continue my business at any time, and the ease in getting started with a new business. The income that PartyLite has provided has enabled my family to help with college tuition and to retire family debt. The consultant opportunity has provided recognition and self-confidence that I have needed along the way. Training has allowed me to grow my business in ways I didn't know were possible.

The proposed regulation would require a seven-day waiting period after our business opportunity has been shared with a prospective consultant. I heartily disagree with this part of the draft. This would impact a new consultant's ability to begin selling and thus impact her immediate money making potential. It would also affect a prospective consultant's excitement and enthusiasm about starting her own business. While a waiting period sounds like a good idea, for a company that offers a buy-back clause in the consultant's agreement, I think that this would do harm to my personal business, the business of the prospective consultant, and the business of all other current consultants.

The second part of the regulation that greatly concerns me is the requirement to provide all prospective consultants with contact information for the "10 geographically closest" consultants whom they could contact about PartyLite. I agree that references should be given for franchise opportunities, or opportunities that require a large financial risk to the prospective buyer/consultant. PartyLite is not one of those types of opportunities, and I don't want my personal or business information shared without my consent. Nor do I want the responsibility of sharing others on my team or in the company without consent. Privacy issues would be put on the line with this type of wording in the regulation. Not only would this put consultants at risk, the practicality of providing such information with constant updates from PartyLite would make my business harder to run.

I do support the FTC and applaud the efforts of the commission to support consumers by updating legislation. In this instance, however, I believe the proposed regulation would negatively impact many of the consumers who need your help most. In closing, I urge you to reconsider these sections of the regulation.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

Connie Crill
PartyLite Leader