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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade And Consumer Protection
United States House Of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Stearns,
Regarding the Federal Trade Commission's Business Opportunity Rule R511993

I need your help. It is urgent! I am a 76 year old women with severe physical disabilities which make it impossible for me to work outside the home...My husband who is 79 has had 4 back surgeries and he also is limited in what he can do...It is only way I have of making income. Our Multilevel Marketing Business means we can maintain a standard of living which allows us to keep going. Our Social Security checks alone would put us into Bankruptcy. I am sure there are millions of people in our circumstances who depend on Home-based businesses.

On April 12, 2006 the FTC published a 42 page notice of a Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register...It is designed to wipe out the MLM home based business person due to the demands it would put on record keeping, a 7 day wait for someone to start their Business and pay for their training materials, product and initial items needed to go into business for themselves..This is the American Dream and in a free Country it should not Be controlled by the Federal Government.

If this proposal were designed to wipe out Scams or Pyramid schemes it would target those who are required to put at least \$500.00 into the business up front..Anything under that is such a low risk any adult person should be able to determine that risk for themselves. The FTC themselves said this in 1979..The exemption rule of \$500. was a reasonable amount at that time. They should at least leave the 1979 rule in place. Rather than wipe out millions of hard working people in honest MLM Home-based business due To impossible paper work, and a violation of privacy provision also included..

I reprcsent Pre-Paid Legal, a 30 year old Company, Freelif International Inc, who are highly regarded in the business world, and Stem Tech Healthsciences, Inc.. who hold a U.S. patent their product. Why would the FTC want to destroy my income. Please help.

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