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Federal Trade Commission

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman

The Honorable Maureen K. Ohlhausen  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Trade Commission  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Acting Chairman Ohlhausen,

I believe you recently received a letter from 56 of my colleagues in the House of Representatives urging the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to reconsider its proposal to amend the Contact Lens Rule, a proposal initiated by then-FTC Chairwoman Ramirez as part of the agency's ten-year review of regulations implementing the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act (FCLCA). I share the concerns outlined in that letter.

It is my understanding that the proposed change would require every optometrist and ophthalmologist practicing in the United States to obtain a signed document from each patient stating they received a written copy of their contact lens prescription. The doctor would then be required to maintain that form on file for at least three years.

I have heard from some in the medical community saying they believe this proposal, should it go into effect, would result in increased regulatory costs for eye doctors. They have also told me that they do not believe the proposal will improve the quality of patient care. At the same time, I understand the FTC issued this proposal to improve industry compliance with the FCLCA and I deeply appreciate your efforts to protect consumers from deceptive business practices. As you move forward with rules that impact the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act, I ask that you give these concerns all due consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Niki Tsongas