

From: T. Liao, CA  
Subject: Electronic Fund Transfers

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Comments:

Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System  
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Dear Federal Reserve Board Director:

I support the proposed requirement that would require financial institutions to obtain consumers' affirmative consent (or opt-in) before any overdraft fees or charges may be imposed on consumers' accounts.

Banks should get explicit permission before enrolling customers in the most expensive overdraft system, automatically covering overdrafts and charging high fees, and should be stopped from using unfair practices to increase their overdraft fees.

To Whom It May Concern,

Just read the article about reforms in the way banks overcharge consumers for transactions and felt compelled to submit my opinion on this issue. As a responsible consumer, myself who has never and will never incur an overdraft, I would still side with the consumers on this issue. The problem with the banks' argument is that if they really want to condition American consumers to be more responsible on not to incur overdrafts in the first place then providing this overdraft program is counterproductive to those measures. The foundation of responsible spending is the knowledge of spending only what you have. The Bankers Association that promotes this type of program is training consumers to overspend and deal with the consequences later. This really is only a convenience issue for those consumers, who have earned the right through good credit to have financial institutions - extend credit at times of overdraft. If a financial institution is extending credit to a consumer that has poor credit, and they overdraft their account by overspending, the financial institution in this case has other nefarious motives. Please seriously consider this argument.

Sincerely,  
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