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I am strongly in favor of prohibiting lending institutions from automatically enrolling customers for overdraft protection services, and/or notifying people that an overdraft charge will ensue if they make a charge for which there are insufficient funds in an account.

Many young adults use debit cards without keeping registers. They check their balances on line or via telephone, which often does not indicate a pending charge, think that they can cover a \$3, or \$5, or \$10 charge, only to be slapped with a \$35 overdraft fee. Sometimes this repeats several times in a day before the consumer becomes aware of the situation which in many instances cannot be paid.

This current system of automatic overdraft sets our young adults into a descending spiral of easy credit and insurmountable debt from which they may never be able to recover.

Docket No. R-1343 will prohibit lending institutions from automatic overdraft is a very important step towards a climate of fiscal responsibility.

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