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Subject: Electronic Fund Transfers

Comments:

I understand that the Federal Reserve is interested in comments regarding new bank regulations. I learned this from the "Today" show this morning. If the Federal Reserve was really interested in comments from the public the news media might have been a good way to notify them.

I think the regulations regarding how credit card companies and banks charge for processing credit card charges needs an overhaul. It is VERY hard on small businesses. Right now if a business is paying hypothetically 2-3% for processing there is an additional charge for taking so called "business cards" as well as "Mileage reward cards", international cards and various other cards. In addition there are extra charges for taking phone orders if you are set up for primarily face to face transactions or if you are set up primarily for phone sales you pay extra for sliding the card through the terminal. The outcome is that small businesses who do a little of each end up paying, at the end of the year, 4% or higher in charges. The breaks come when you have huge volume which most of us in small businesses do not have. Small businesses are in trouble enough in this economy. Please look at these regulations.

In addition my daughter opened a business. She is a new business. The bank held one of her deposits and because of that several checks bounced. Every check that bounced was charged additionally and in the end she had several hundred dollars in bank charges. This seems incredibly unfair. In any other business this would be usury. Please address this issue as well.

I appreciate your time and hope you will consider my suggestions.

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