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I agree with the comments already submitted as follows: Comments: Dear Federal Reserve, Please beef up the proposal Docket No. R-1343 by including the following characteristics of Congresswoman Maloney's (D-NY) bill - HR 946: A. Require notice to customers when an ATM or point-of-sale debit card transaction is about to trigger an overdraft B. Require an opportunity for account holders to choose whether or not have an overdraft plan. (FDIC reports that over 75% of surveyed banks automatically force their customers into an overdraft program and some do not allow customers to opt out and that isn't right.) C. Prohibit manipulation of the order of posting deposits and withdrawals so as to maximize overdraft fees. (Charging the largest posting first even if it was the last thing you purchased that day so they you pay multiple OD fees instead one on the big ticket purchase.) On a personal note, my college student son regularly ran up ATM and debit charges on his Sovereign Bank account because there was no notice of the overdraft until he received his monthly statement. Although he should have been more aware of his balance, he wasn't. Such purchases as a pizza or sandwich or a drug store purchase would cost him something like an extra \$35. plus interest (and this multiplied if he used the card again that day!) This bill needs to be strengthened to protect ATM & debit card users so that at point of sale the user is notified that they will be charged for an overdraft if they complete the withdrawal or sale. Thanks, Kathleen Maloof Electronic Fund Transfers