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Federal Reserve Board Email comments

Dear Email comments,

I suspect that credit card abuse is really at the heart of the mortgage crisis and the dire economic challenges faced by so many Americans today. Let me say up front that I believe in paying one's debts; it's

a moral and ethical issue for me. However, I was one day late on a card (Discover) after a long history of on-time payments, and my APR went from 7.99% to 24.9%. Were it not for egregious fees, it might be possible to pay off cards. But the cc companies don't want you to pay

them off.. They want a steady stream of income, and the consumer is the one who provides it. Late fees and overlimit fees seem to penalizing the consumer three times when they are already paying interest fees, many well out of line with anything one could call reasonable. PLEASE help your individual constituents by putting some limits on cc companies and their charges. Not an economic expert by any means, a first step would be to cap the APR and prohibit additional fees for

late payments within a longer grace period or overlimit fees (they have to authorize payments; why do they authorize overlimit expenditures - you got it - another 20-30 bucks in the coffers.) MOST consumers don't want to default on their debts, but cc companies

help to create a hopeless situation and folks eventually give up trying to do the right thing. Thanks for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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