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In reference to Docket No. R-1314, please insure that you provide these important safeguards to American consumers from credit card companies who are taking advantage of our citizens who use credit cards. Please insure that the following safeguards are in place to prohibit the following:

--Retroactive re-pricing, or jacking up the rate on an existing credit card balance, for any reason other than the customer paying late.

--Double-cycle billing, which essentially charges two months' interest on a balance carried only one month.

--Unfair payment allocation, in which the issuer applies your monthly payment only to your lowest-rate balance (typically a balance transfer), so that your high-rate balances -- typically purchases and cash advances -- continue to accrue tons of interest.

--Bait-and-switch offers, in which one interest rate is heavily advertised but applicants wind up with another, much higher one.

--Arbitrary due times, which make a payment late if it arrives on the due date but does so after, say, 1 p.m. Central time.

--Mandatory bounce protection, or "courtesy overdraft" coverage, that can't be turned off, which means overdraft transactions automatically get approved and rack up big fees.

--Charging overdraft fees based on holds. Certain merchants (gas stations, hotels, car rental outfits) are notorious for placing big holds on your checking account when you use a debit card.

Please insure that you take the steps to completely protect consumers from the excessive greed that drives these short-sighted practices.

Thank you,

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