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Federal Reserve Board Email comments

Dear Email comments,

I had a credit card a few years ago with MBNA. I had opened it with a balance transfer with a low interest rate that went very high after the introductory period. I didn't realize in the beginning - because I wasn't being careful about reading every line of the statement - that the bank was not applying more than a penny or two of my principle to that portion of my balance. It was all going to the lower interest new purchases portion.

In order to get out from under on that card, I took a loan from my pension plan. Not a perfect solution, but it was better than continuing with that parasitic relationship. I have also used loans to reduce my total credit cards from 5 to 2. Someday I may manage to have zero, but that leads to another issue...

CREDIT SCORES!

Why on earth does our Federal Government not step in and bring sanity back to this system. I can have a sky high credit score by having a lot of available credit on my cards; even though it should be obvious that if I used it with what I earn I would not be able to pay it back. Credit scores should be based on your EARNINGS and the amount of your DEBT!!!

And speaking of ruining bright futures...

COLLEGE SCAMS

In the "old" days you did not get approved for credit cards without proof of being able to pay (had to have a job, in other words.)

Today, college kids are enticed with candy, clean T-Shirts, sporting goods, etc. to fill out those applications. Until it is made mandatory that HIGH SCHOOLS provide sound financial training (college is too late) those tables should be banned from the college campuses. My daughter fell victim to the lure of plastic, even though I begged her not to. Six years later she is still paying it off.

Sincerely,

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