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Federal Reserve Board Email comments

Dear Email comments,

I missed one monthly payment on my credit card something I had never done in the 30 years that I have had credit card balances. I was

charged an exorbitant overdue rate and the bank increased my low APR to

the maximum APR they can charge by law. My credit is excellent. Yes it was my own oversight that caused me to miss the payment. However, I do not think that the penalty assessed was justifiable. It may be legal but it still is pretty much highway robbery.

What makes this interesting is that I get at least 4 mailings a week from banks offering credit card programs or increasing my credit card balance maximums from \$7500 up to an additional \$20,000. We need to stop unsolicited offers of credit from banks. It is no wonder why the rate of defaults on mortgages and credit cards have increased. Banks are overly aggressive in making the financing of debt too simple and too often.

I think that there should be much tighter control on the excessive

penalties banks and other lending institutions can charge for missed or delinquent payments. I also think that they should be regulated for their marketing of debt.

I also think that you should:

Stop companies from hiking interest rates on existing balances (unless you pay 30 days late).

Stop them from applying your monthly payment to low-interest debt first.

Give you time between the bill and the due date so you can always pay on time.

Stop interest charges on debts paid off the previous month.

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Sincerely,

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