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Secretary Jennifer J. Johnson
Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
20th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20551
RE: Docket No. R-1314

Dear Secretary Johnson,

I was young when I received my first credit card. I made good on the bills, the cards kept coming and the limits kept going up. At that time, I would not have described myself as credit savvy. All too soon, the balances became difficult for me to maintain, and I started falling behind on payments.

Paying a fee for a subprime card to recover my credit reputation was something that needed to be done at the time. Had Total Card not been an option for me, I would have just waited until I could have slowly built my credit back up on my own. As a single mother baking cakes for a living, that might have been difficult. Instead, I was able to build a good rapport with Total Card by paying my bill on time, and my credit rating did go up. I have since closed my Total Card account and have acquired cards from prime lenders.

I don't think it's the responsibility of the Federal Reserve Board to make the decisions about what fees are charged and how. If any policy needs to be put into place, the credit card companies themselves should do it. It is, after all, their money that is being lent to subprime borrowers. Nothing comes for free these days. You need credit for many things, especially to make any type of travel arrangements. I believe the charges are a guarantee to the company that the borrower is serious about establishing or reestablishing their credit. I hope that you agree with me and will vote against these planned changes.

Regards,



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