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

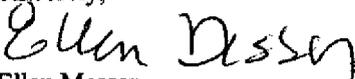
Dear Board of Governors-

I am opposed to changing the existing regulations on how banks can offer subprime credit cards to people who need them. I think that it is a bad idea to make it harder for the banks to offer these cards. Many Americans need these cards to get their financial houses in order. I know, because I was one of those people.

After maxing out some of my prime credit cards, I was happy to sign up for a subprime card that had a cap on how much I could spend. This helped a lot because of the small amount I was able to charge on this card. I was able to control my spending, which was something I have had problems with in the past. This card has helped me with my credit because it has made me keep a low balance.

If the banks cannot charge upfront fees for subprime cards, they will not be able to offer people like me a chance to repair their credit scores. I understand that people with poor credit should have to pay a little extra for access to credit cards. However, as long as the fees are plainly stated in writing, I do not see any problem with these charges. People know what they are getting into, and they can always choose whether to pay them. That is how it should stay.

Sincerely,

  
Ellen Messer