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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,

The regulation of subprime credit card companies by the Federal Reserve Board is unnecessary. These restrictions could actually put our economy at risk because of the many consumers who rely on these lenders to supply credit. Without the purchasing power provided by subprime credit cards, spending would decrease dramatically.

I use my CorTrust Bank card to help me with the rising costs of living. Fuel and food expenses are skyrocketing higher every day. Having my credit card helps me to budget my small income and have access to funds in case of an emergency. I use credit to purchase clothes or sale items, and enjoy the flexibility of being able to pay by installment. Why would the Federal Reserve want to take this capability away from low income individuals and families? We truly need the credit options provided by subprime banks like CorTrust. I feel that decisions regarding fees on subprime credit cards are the responsibility of the consumer, not the Federal Reserve Board.

Subprime credit card companies serve many needs. They help consumers establish or rebuild damaged credit. These lenders take the risk of lending to people who require lines of credit, regardless of past credit problems. Access to subprime credit eases some of the financial struggle consumers are having in these trying economic times. Do not restrict lenders like CorTrust Bank and take away our only avenue to credit.

Best,



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