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Federal Reserve Board

Dear Federal Reserve Board:

I am writing in response to Docket No. R-1314, the rules to prevent unfair and deceptive practices by credit card companies.

I support the Federal Reserve plan to rein in some of the worst practices of credit card companies.

I am happy that you are telling card issuers that they cannot change my interest rate and apply it to purchases that I have already made and have begun to pay back.

It is unfair to change the interest rate on the whole balance, especially when card holders are only one day late! I agree that 30 days late is late - one day is not late!

I support the 21 day period that you are proposing for issuers to mail deliver the bill to me. It gives me a chance to avoid expensive late fees and maybe even a penalty interest rate. This will give customers time to avoid late fees.

Please also take action to stop lenders from raising my rate because of problems they have, like market conditions.

Please limit penalty interest rates. Some of today's rates are usurious.

In addition, I believe that fewer people would be in credit card problems if the minimum payment amount was returned to the prior percentage, which I believe was 2% of the balance. When Congress, in an effort to help people payoff their credit cards, allowed the lenders to raise the minimum, it reduced any excess people had left. Ironic that this was about 1 1/2 - 2 years ago that this went into effect, right before the mortgage melt-down. My husband and I were beginning to pay down our debt.

We continue to do so on an accelerated basis, but could have more paid off if the minimums were lower, thereby increasing our disposable income to apply to our debt.

Sincerely,

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