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**Subject:** Regulation AA

Dear Federal Reserve Board Docket No. R-1314,

Dear Federal Reserve Board:

Last summer, I accidentally went over my credit amount on one of my credit cards. I realized the mistake immediately and called the credit card company. I had the money to pay the "over limit" charge. What I did not have was the money to pay on an interest rate that was going to rise from 7.99% to 31% for this mistake.

I am of the opinion that bumping my existing balance up to a 31% interest rate is immoral...this, along with the aforementioned "over limit" charge. Also, it should be stated that I had had this account for several years and had never been late on a payment or gone over the limit beforehand!

I made a mistake, and I should have to pay a fee for that mistake; hence, the "over limit" charge. That should be it! My balance at that time was around \$5,000. Increasing the interest rate to such an outrageous amount made it impossible for me to make the monthly payment, as I was already barely making ends meet.

Now I am in a mess as I could not make the payments. That one incident started a "snowball effect." I am filing for bankruptcy. What infuriates me is that this same company, who refused to negotiate with me at the time, now wants to settle.

They want to settle and reduce my fees now that they have driven me to the brink of insanity. It's too late. I have seen a bankruptcy lawyer.

The company's egregious behavior has made this a lose/lose situation for both parties.

Please stop predatory lending practices such as this. As I told my friend, a 31% interest rate borderlines on loan sharking!

I appreciate the opportunity to file comments in support of Regulation AA - Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices [R-1314],

the recent proposal to curb unfair and deceptive credit card and overdraft practices. I support the credit card aspects of the rule, while also suggesting that protection is needed against additional unfair credit card practices beyond those covered in this proposed rule. I believe that stronger protection against unfair practices in bank overdraft programs is also needed.

Sincerely,  
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