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Subject: Regulation AA

I am writing regarding the Federal Reserve's proposed rules on credit card practices.

It's not enough that the Government allow banks to get so big that those who understand the risk associated with their unprotected investment still get protection and potentially upend the foundational structure of the free market. Now those same regulators would prevent competent parties from engaging in private contracts for loans

This is a concern in that it presumes those with poor or bad credit are incapable of managing their credit. One must wonder about the banks currently being bailed out. Why is it that a corporation is due more trust than an individual? This defies all logic and history. Limits like those propose in (Section 227.27) could keep people who need credit out of the credit market.

Do those who tout free enterprise and free markets only do so when it benefits them. Have we lost our stomach for volitility and decided to take it out on those who are suffering from a bit of bad luck?

There is no taking risk out of the markets--it's how wealth is created.
Of course usury has been and should be illegal. The borrowing of money demands more than simple Caveat emptor. Still, locking out those high risk borrowers grappling with a bit of bad luck is going too far. We need open markets not closed minds. We need open opportunity not socialism.

thank you

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