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Secretary Jennifer J. Johnson
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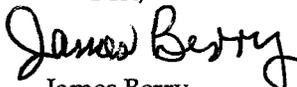
Dear Board of Governors,

When I worked at the post office in Beverly Hills before I retired twenty-five years ago, I came in contact with a wide range of people. From your average Joe to Dean Martin and Elvis Presley, Beverly Hills has always been full of variety. One thing that everyone needs to be cautious of, regardless of your status, is how to handle finances. It doesn't take too much before you need a bit of extra credit, whether it is to recover your score or get just an extra bit of money.

For me, all I needed was some extra cash now and then. Every now and again, I like to travel. Without a credit card there is no way to rent a car. Although my subprime card has a much lower limit than the \$1500 that I'd had in the past with another provider, it serves its purpose.

Because so many people are looking for credit, you need to be careful when making rules for lenders. The subprime branch of the credit card industry serves a special purpose- to be available for the masses who do not have or cannot have credit from other sources. If they cannot decide the best way to lend, which usually involves some fees in the beginning, then they might just decide that lending to certain people isn't in their best interest. That is precisely why subprime lending companies should be the only ones to determine exactly how to lend- not the Federal Reserve Board.

Best,


James Berry