

From: Southpointe Credit Union, Brian Eyestone
Subject: Reg Z - Truth in Lending

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to you in response to the recently enacted Credit Card Act. I would like to express my displeasure at the way the amendment to include all open-end lending plans was added to the bill at the last minute in a closed session. I believe the Credit Card Act puts undue burden and unnecessary expense on many small credit unions and community banks. I am the President of a \$25 million credit union in St. Louis, Missouri. We have used an open-end plan for our consumer loans for many years. In order to comply with this new law, we must now send out monthly statements for each of our consumer loans. This will cause us to incur an annual expense of \$7,200. We have never had any complaints from our members about not knowing when their payment is due each month. We always explain to our members about our late fees for each loan that we close. I believe that I am expressing the opinion of most credit unions and community banks.

While I know the the Federal Reserve didn't pass this law, I do believe it is within your powers to interpret the intent of the law. I am asking for your consideration is enforcing this law for credit card accounts as was it's original intent. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Eyestone
Southpointe Credit Union