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Dear Sir of Madam: Thank you for the opportunity to comment of the proposed rule amending regulation Z with respect to closed-end mortgages. I am a loan originator working in Tyler, Texas. Having witnessed firsthand the subprime mortgage meltdown, I agree that additional consumer protections in the residential mortgage market are needed. However, I have some concerns with the proposal regarding loan originator compensation. If compensation were severely limited it would likely force many of the good seasoned loan officers like me to pursue gainful employment in other industries leaving a void within the industry of highly trained professionals. Since most of the subprime loan products and associated lenders are already out of the market I believe that this action could have the unintended consequence of being detrimental not only to home sales but on the overall economy as well. I believe that the new SAFE Act requirements for loan originators, including extensive background checks and rigorous testing and continuing education requirements will significantly curb the past abuses that precipitated this proposal. The Board should wait to allow the SAFE Act a chance to work before piling on additional and burdensome regulation on loan originators. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. Respectfully submitted, Tony Hawes