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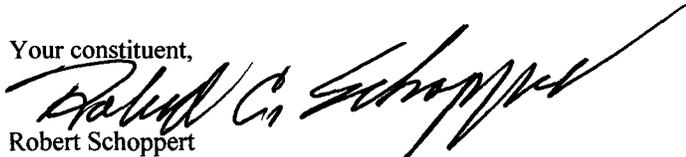
Dear Rep. Capito,

A good majority of my business' sales and rentals are handled with debit cards. Actually, more and more people have been using debits cards over the past couple of years. For that reason alone, I am very much in favor of a set twelve cent swipe fee instead of the one and a half percent that I am currently paying. This is a ruling that should have been proposed and implemented years ago.

The Guitar Room has been in business for forty-two years. Overall, it has held up quite well, with very few down spots. My business sells and services musical instruments, as well as public address systems. Actually, we have quite a few school instrument rentals, as well. We started this year in the positive compared to last year, and that is a trend that I hope only continues.

At seventy-eight years old and after owning my store for over forty years, I am really not sure what the future will bring. However, what I do know is that small businesses cannot survive if they are constantly being buried under fees. Needless to say, the speed at which our country's economy recovers is directly related to how well our small businesses do. This is a ruling in favor of small businesses that is very much overdue.

Your constituent,


Robert Schoppert