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Comments:

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Federal Reserve Board

Dear Federal Reserve Board:

The Federal Reserve Board's recently proposed regulation that would regulate debit card interchange fees and routing will result in our members, which are thousands of your voters paying monthly fees for debit cards services. We don't want to charge these fees but the Fed's proposed regulation limits us to an unreasonable amount of interchange income. We cannot offset the cost of providing the service free of charge to our members under the Fed's proposal. Further, it allows nothing toward the ever growing cost of fraud. We are expected to guarantee the payment to the merchants while they pay nothing for this and we take on all the risk.

Totally unfair, but it is the consumer that will pay for this in higher fees or fewer payment options. This an example of regulations gone wrong and how a small lobby group for the merchants will cost all consumer dearly if Congress does not weigh in on this and direct the Fed in a different path, consumers will pay more and merchants will get a free ride at their expense.

Your action is the only way we can correct the situation the Fed is causing.

Sincerely,

Philip Weber