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Secretary Jennifer Johnson  
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
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Dear Secretary Johnson:

As the owner of a small business, Stork's Catering, Inc., I would like to ask you to continue your support of the proposed rule that is in the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. At this time, I only accept credit cards and decline to take debit. Nevertheless, I feel that this proposed rule would be a step in the right direction in helping small businesses. It might even be the first step in lowering the cost of the credit card swipes that I do incur.

My business has been in operation for about thirty-five years. We are just a small enterprise with five employees. The economic situation has really taken a toll not only on my business, but also on companies all across the country. Personally, I believe that swipe fees are hindering these struggling businesses even further. If these fees keep rising, they will eventually place such a strain on us that we may be forced to close our doors.

Please continue your efforts to regulate the debit swipe fees. Lowering these fees to twelve cents or less as the proposed rule states would give us a little relief. We need to be able to maintain our profits so that we can get back on the right track.

Thanks,  
  
Bob Stork