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Dear Secretary Johnson:

Interchange fees are a big headache. During the last few weeks, I have spent hours shopping and trying to locate a better provider of debit and credit processing. The last company we used sent monthly statements that gave me nightmares and were impossible to reconcile, and I am hoping that this new company will be better. Time will tell. This industry is sorely in need of reform and I am glad to know that the Federal Reserve has taken it on. The 12 cent per transaction charge sounds wonderfully fair and simple.

Lamoni is a college town of about 1200 people. My husband and I bought the pharmacy here twelve years ago. When we started, we took three or four cards a day; these days we average fifteen to twenty. The monthly fee we pay to provide this convenience to our customers is over \$600, and that is a lot of money for our small business. Many expenses are increasing and it is a lot tougher to make it than it used to be.

When this regulation becomes law in June, we will encourage the use of debit. It will also be helpful to us to set a minimum purchase amount for debit and credit. A ten-dollar limit will, in most cases, prevent us from losing money on low dollar purchases. Please protect small businesses by ensuring that these regulations are enacted.

Yours truly,

Linda Phillips