

Hi, Federal Trade Commission --

I'm writing to say that I support the law which says that optometrists and ophthalmologists must release contact lens prescriptions free of charge. I've been wearing contacts for eighteen years (since high school) and have worn extended-wear / disposable contacts for fifteen of those years. I have seen a number of eye care practitioners. Consistently, these eye care practitioners charged significantly more for contact lenses than the mass market contact lens retailers. And, while none of these practitioners refused to write me a prescription, none of them were particularly happy about releasing it to me, either. It's important that a requirement for eye care practitioners to release prescriptions free of charge remain law.

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