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Subject: not a spam -- this is an email from a concerned contact lens wearer

To the FTC:

I am e-mailing you to let you know I support the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003. I understand that lobbying efforts are underway to limit my rights when it comes to purchasing contact lenses. I hope the FTC will side with me and other contact lens wearers who want the freedom to decide from whom they purchase their contact lenses.

About 15 years ago, an ophthalmologist refused to release my contact lens and eyeglass prescriptions to me after my examination. He said the information would only be given to a "lab" that he was doing business with. I was shocked to find out there was nothing I could do about the situation, though he said, rather mockingly, that I could take the matter to court if I wanted. Needless to say, his "lab" charged a good deal more than many other eyeglass and contact lens places. I felt angry and used. I did not think he should be rewarded for his way of doing business, so I began the process all over again with an eye doctor connected to an eyeglass and contact lens place with reasonable prices AND made sure ahead of time that the prescription would be released to me after the exam was over. I've always gotten excellent eyecare and eyecare products from these businesses that charge reasonable prices for their services.

I would hate to see it become the law of the land that eye doctors who want to gouge consumers will find protection at the expense of businesses and doctors charging reasonable prices. I hope the FTC will back the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003 and resist efforts by those who would undermine it.

Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.

Sincerely,

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