

Comment #846

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To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Contact Lens Rule

This note is to express not only my support for the Contact Lens Rule, but to express my concern that by passing this law, the FTC would allow doctors to dictate where a customer must purchase their products.

Does this mean if Ford pressures the FTC enough a law would be passed that we can only buy Fords. This is extreme, but makes my point. I am an adult, not only is it my choice to choose where I make my purchases, but it is also up to me if I even go to the doctor to get my eyes checked. The FTC has already allowed the doctors to pressure the FTC into making contact prescriptions invalid after one year. This puts more money into the doctors' pockets. If I choose to use the same prescription for the next ten years, that is my choice. This law would limit a person's rights to choose not only how they take care of themselves but when. What of the millions that cannot afford to go to the doctors once a year to get their eyes checked. A purchase of a standard set of contacts is around \$45 every 6 months. A doctor's visit to get a simple eye exam for contacts runs over \$200. Money most people cannot afford. This is not about protecting patients, this is about money, the law would put money back into the doctors' pockets.

Thank you for your time
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