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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you to let you know that I support the new Contact Lens Law. This law is important to me for economical reasons (fair and open competition keeps prices low) and for convenience (to make purchases from whomever I choose).

Because of my husband's job, our family moves between states frequently and being able to purchase from a retailer of my choice is necessary. To give you a better understanding of how important this choice is to my family, allow me to share a little of our history.

Our family has four people that wear glasses & contacts. For six years we lived in Florida, where our contact prescriptions as well as our eyeglass prescriptions were always offered to us from our physician. This made it possible for me to shop for the best prices for both glasses and contacts. At that time, I did not realize that this consumer's right was a problem in other states. When we moved to Tennessee (in 2001), however, the eye doctor there not only would not release the contact prescription but his office had a sign posted stating this fact. Of course, the price of contacts through his office was twice as much as I had been paying and it was inconvenient for a number of reasons (one being that they did not have a history with my family which required us to explain what our previous provider already knew). Now we live in Michigan and recently went to have our son evaluated for contacts. The physician here did not offer or provide us with a contact prescription either. What they did offer was to order his contacts for us at twice the price as our other provider.

In addition to our son's needs, shortly after we moved to Michigan, I needed to purchase contacts again for myself. If I had not had the convenience of ordering my contacts from the retailer of my choosing, I would have been forced to get another unnecessary exam from a doctor in the area. Experience taught me that the doctors would require you to be examined by them before they will order contacts for you. A doctor explained to me that it is too high of a risk for them to order contacts on another doctor's examination since it would be the current doctor's insurance that would be hit in a lawsuit if one should arise. Though I can see the doctor's point of view in this, I see no reason that I should have to pay/take time for an unnecessary examination as well as the higher costs that a doctor's office charges for contacts (just as I do not purchase eyeglasses from them).

In appreciation of your time,

Denise