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Dear Sirs/Madams:

My name is Tommy Newsom and I would like to comment on the proposed credit card rules now before your organizations. I have a credit card issued by Bank America. In February of this year, I was notified that my credit rate was going to be raised from 14.49% to 26.99%. I called customer service to ask questions as to why my credit rate was being raised. I have never been late on a payment nor have I ever missed a payment on this account. I was given a vague answer relating to the bank's right to raise the rate because of my credit history with other creditors. I repeatedly inquired what this had to do with my perfect standing on the BA account and was given no answer except because the bank could.

I asked for and received my credit report. The only negative items on the report are a medical payment of \$125 in 2003 which I paid off in three months (it has a zero balance) and a cell phone cancellation fee in 2004 which belonged to my mother-in-law and I disputed the charge. I don't think either of these is sufficient to cause the rate increase. In my opinion the bank is just looking for a reason to maximize its profits by falsely claiming my report was an issue. My other accounts have nothing to do with BA, and the bank is unjustly using some very nebulous information to raise my rate.

I strongly feel that the credit card industry needs these proposed rules installed to rein in out of control business practices. Please add my experience to the comments you are seeking. I can furnish details of my case if necessary.

Thank you very much.

Tommy Newsom