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Dear OTS:

I currently have a 3-year adjustable rate mortgage that will begin to adjust later this year. My goal was to refinance that mortgage into a new 3-year adjustable rate at that time. That gives me a much lower payment than a fixed-rate mortgage.

I am told that if I am willing to accept a 3-year prepayment penalty, I will be able to refinance at little or no cost. If I choose not to take the prepayment penalty, I will have to pay \$3,000 to \$4,000 in settlement costs.

My loan officer tells me that you are proposing to eliminate the possibility of my utilizing a prepayment penalty to reduce my closing costs since Maryland does not allow prepayment penalties unless you continue to allow them. If you do remove the capability of a mortgage company charging a prepayment penalty and passing the savings on to me, you are going to cause me serious harm. I certainly hope you will reconsider your proposal so those of us who want this option are not shut out.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Wachter