

From: Pamela Donovan
Subject: Electronic Fund Transfers

Comments:

Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System
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Dear Federal Reserve Board Director:

I support the proposed requirement that would require financial institutions to obtain consumers' affirmative consent (or opt-in) before any overdraft fees or charges may be imposed on consumers' accounts.

Banks should get explicit permission before enrolling customers in the most expensive overdraft system, automatically covering overdrafts and charging high fees, and should be stopped from using unfair practices to increase their overdraft fees.

It is becoming rare to read the newspaper without reading a story about the latest scheme for stealing credit card numbers, or worse, debit card numbers and pins. With this threat to people's bank accounts, it would seem obvious that banks would want to alert people when their accounts were drained, rather than allow the accounts to become overdrawn. Overdraft coverage plans, or as my bank calls it, embarrassment protection, does nothing but create new costs for the customer. If there is no money in an account, money should be able to be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Pamela Donovan