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Subject: Electronic Fund Transfers

Comments:

Dear Federal Reserve:

I think the proposed Docket No. R-1343 is long overdue and my hope is that the federal reserve will review all such bank practices and outlaw usurious practices.

For too long, banks have been allowed to charge outrageous fees and interest rates, amounting to usury, in my opinion.

My son, in his 20's has been, knocked into escalating overdraft fees that have at times eaten up the whole sum in his tiny account and he's gone into negative balances many times because of being allowed to debit or withdraw from an ATM when there were not enough funds to cover the withdrawal. It is cynical of the banks to use such a system, knowing that most people don't keep a real time accounting of their bank balance.

As others have urged, I request that you be sure that your regulation includes:

A. Require notice to customers when an ATM or point-of-sale debit card transaction is about to trigger an overdraft

B. Require an opportunity for account holders to choose whether or not have an overdraft plan. (FDIC reports that over 75% of surveyed banks automatically force their customers into an overdraft program and some do not allow customers to opt out and that isn't right.)

C. Prohibit manipulation of the order of posting deposits and withdrawals so as to maximize overdraft fees. (Charging the largest posting first even if it was the last thing you purchased that day so they you pay multiple OD fees instead one on the big ticket purchase.)

Regards,

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