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Dear Government:

My topic is overdraft fees allowed to be charged by financial institutions regarding a checking account and the Company that accepted the check. 1. When multiple checks are presented for payment on the same day and there is not sufficient funds to pay the largest check amount, not only is an overdraft fee charged for this check, but all remaining checks; even though funds were available to pay some or all of the remaining checks. Make the financial institutions stop this practice. The recommendation is to attempt payment of the highest check amount presented and if there is not sufficient funds. allow the overdraft fee for that one check. The remaining presented checks should be paid according to the lowest check amount until the remaining account funds are exhausted. This allows the minimum "hurt" to those that made an honest mistake with their banking account. 2. Reduce or end the number of times a check can be presented for payment. This is where all the money is made. A check is presented to the bank for payment, not enough funds, charged a fee, and returned to the Company that accepted the check. This Company also charges a fee and returns the check again for payment to the financial institution. Funds still not there and returns the check with an additional overdraft fee. The Company that accepted the check does the same. At this point there are multiple fees charged by both sides and the consumer may not even be aware that the banking account did not have the funds to pay the checks. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you my concerns regarding overdraft fees.