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Thanks for contacting me with your concerns about federal regulation of multilevel marketing. It's good to hear from you.

Like you, I'm concerned by the Securities and Exchange Commission's efforts to regulate multilevel marketing. Additionally, I'm disturbed by the SEC's determination to prosecute multilevel marketers under securities law instead of regular laws, as pointed out in the article you sent me. Frankly, I don't believe the SEC should regulate these businesses.

I'm distressed by the pervasiveness of the federal government in our lives. Unlike those here in Congress who see the federal government as benevolent and out to help the "little guy," I know that excessive government interference leads to more regulations, paperwork, taxes, and stifled growth. In sum, big government invariably equals big problems for working men and women in this country.

Since coming to Washington, I have fought against big government. I believe, like most Americans, that less government is the best government. Unfortunately, the majority in Congress doesn't see eye to eye with me or the American people on this issue. While I've had some success in attacking big government, many of my proposals to reduce its size and scope have been defeated by a majority who believes that the American people just can't get by without a government regulations and interference. They are wrong. And when I hear about concerns such as yours, I'm even more convinced how wrong they are. You can rest assured that I will continue to work to reduce the size and impact of government on the American people.

Again, thanks for contacting me. If there is anything I can do for you in the future, please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully yours,

DICK ARMEY
Member of Congress