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I am writing to express concern about eBay's application for immunity from the TPA. Their actions will have a disastrous impact on thousands of sellers who currently use eBay as their primary or important source of income, and buyers who (understandably) are not comfortable using Paypal and will no longer be able to purchase from eBay. Currently eBay provides an accessible service to geographically isolated people and to low income earners wishing to purchase second hand items.

The competition will be lessened in terms of the number of sellers who will continue to sell on eBay. Judging by discussion on relevant forums, many current sellers will cease trading all together, thus lessening the wide variety of choice we currently enjoy.

There is no obvious public benefit that will result from the proposed conduct. Paypal currently offer protection for buyers so the proposed rules will not add anything to their service. Currently, if sellers wish to offer Paypal and buyers wish to pay with Paypal they can take advantage of the buyer protection program. The detriment to the public should this proposed rule succeed will have a disastrous flow on affect.

- Deceitful buyers can take advantage of the buyer protection system
- Many buyers will no longer be able to use eBay if they are uncomfortable using Paypal
- The profit margins of all sellers will be reduced due to the addition of Paypal fees

Ebay has a monopoly over online trading. Whilst I don't object to this I do object to them abusing this position by attempting to enforce such an unreasonable payment system.

I appreciate the time you've taken to read my submission. I am happy for this to be published on the public register but would prefer my name and contact details (email address) be kept confidential.