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Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to the announcement made by eBay regarding a restriction of all payment methods other than its own 'Paypal' system, I would like to express my deep concern that eBay is creating a monopoly and locking in customers to its own expensive trading mechanism. In addition to my ebay listing fees, final valuation fee, Paypal typically charges as much as 7% of the value of the transaction for processing the payment. This will wipe out my profit margin as I would be paying up to 15% in fees. This therefore can only result in increased profits to ebay at the expense of the customers who are forced to rise their prices to meet these large fee increases.

I strongly feel that if eBay is permitted to remove alternate payments, there will be no incentive for Paypal to maintain its fees as low as they currently are, as there will be no competition allowed.

I cannot see a single benefit to the customer of this proposed restrictive trading practice, and at present there is no viable alternative to eBay for international buying and selling.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Dickens