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Hello.

I am opposed to eBay permitting only PayPal payments or cash on delivery, because:

- a) It hinders freedom of choice for buyers and sellers.
- b) It increases the cost of buying and selling on eBay.
- c) eBay collects the commissions on PayPal, and therefore has a serious conflict of interest.

I do, however, support eBay's move to require that sellers provide a PayPal option, because this increases choice for buyers, without harming sellers.

The major argument in support of this change is that of increased security. However, we should not increase security by taking away choices, as if consumers were infants needing protection from themselves, unless those choices are inherently harmful.

If sellers want this extra security, then they can, without compulsion, choose to accept only PayPal payments.

If buyers want this security, then requiring sellers to provide a PayPal option is sufficient to accommodate them.

However, if buyers do not want to pay extra for the more secure option, they should not be compelled to use it - especially by the entity that is collecting the commissions. eBay's arguments about security are tainted, because eBay has a strong financial incentive to encourage use of PayPal.

At present, I have items that I would like to sell, but am considering taking them to an alternative marketplace, because I do not approve of eBay's action.

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