The FCC should ignore the incessant noise from the industry lobbyists who wish to strip crucial consumer protections away from the masses of this nation. The TCPA should in no way be weakened or watered down.

Due to technological developments and advances the problem of robo-calls has never been more severe than it is today. I am an attorney and whether working at home or in an office I receive between 10 and 20 robo calls per day to my cell phone, my business phone, and my home phone. Almost all of them are using methods that would not be defined as ATDS if the FCC were to adopt the [meaningless] definition of ATDS that the industry of mass distraction is begging it to adopt. During the course of a 10 hour work day I have between 10 and 20 interruptions ranging from “card services and lower interest rates” to “let us be your energy supplier” to “you’ve won a free cruise” to “buy an extended warranty on your vehicle” to “we have a limited health enrollment opportunity” to “get a home security alarm system.”

Every 30 minutes, when my phone rings, my work is interrupted, and it takes me 10-20 minutes to get back into focus and get back to productively working. I have clients with similar problems.

The definition of ATDS needs to be expanded to account for the ceaseless efforts of the telemarketing industry to come up with new and innovative ways to harass 300 million people with multiple billions of unwanted phone calls on a weekly basis.