

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Advanced Methods To Target and)	CG Docket No. 17-59
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Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls)	

Comments of Joe Shields

I applaud the Commission's efforts to combat unlawful robocalls. Blocking unassigned or assigned but not end user allocated numbers is a good start. It isn't enough though because spoofing of active and assigned numbers was employed almost immediately after the Commission announced that providers could block unlawful robocalls. As an example, the majority of "Rachel" robocalls since November 15th, 2016 have spoofed active and assigned numbers. And of the 30 "Rachel" robocalls we have received on our cell and landline numbers since that date, 10 have even spoofed active and in use toll free numbers.

The Commission should keep in mind that most robocalls are not made by scammers but by legitimate companies making illegal robocalls. See <https://robocallindex.com/> for a list of the top 20 robocallers. So when I say illegal robocalls I am including debt collection, polling and political robocalls.

My family and I have been plagued with daily illegal robocalls. Given that these unlawful robocalls have begun spoofing active and assigned numbers including toll free numbers, I would like to suggest a method that would block most if not all illegal robocalls. What I would like to propose is a whitelist of telephone numbers that can reach my family's cell phone numbers. That white list would consist of telephone numbers

AND hardware ID's of the cell and landline phones belonging to our family and the few businesses we chose to hear from. That white list would be implemented by the carrier so that our cell and landline phone numbers wouldn't be bothered with illegal and robocalls. The carrier can simply drop the connection when a number and hardware ID doesn't match the whitelist. Since my family doesn't give out our cell or landline numbers to anyone other than family or a very few businesses that we have a close relationship with, that solution would work for us and I believe most consumers.

I hope the Commission will not allow the whining of the debt collection industry, polling industry and politicians to influence the decision on what consumers want from the Commission. Consumers desperately need a solution that will give the consumer back their privacy on their phone lines and in their homes. After all, it is our cell phone and landline and we should be able to do what we want with our property.

Consumers have a constitutional right to block all robocalls including debt collection, polling and political robocalls. There is no constitutional right for those making illegal robocalls including debt collection, polling and political robocalls to call consumer's cell and landline phone numbers. The age of a public switched telephone network is long gone and carriers and consumers alike are fed up with the privacy invading and cost shifting illegal and unwanted robocalls flooding privately owned networks.

Respectfully submitted,

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