

The current implementation of the TCPA is not working. The current implementation puts the entire burden upon the consumer, and allows telemarketers to violate the law with impunity.

Even though I have placed "No Solicitation" on my home phone (at a cost of \$6.95/month to Qwest), this year I received automated solicitations from:

Integrated Credit Solutions  
8550 Ulmerton Rd. Suite 200  
Largo, FL 33771  
(800) 774-1130

OneSetPrice  
6220 Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 320  
Orlando, FL 32809  
(888) 329-7577

Emerald City Tours  
535 W. Smith  
Kent, WA 98032  
(253) 850-8484

Integrated Credit Solutions defiantly states that the TCPA does not apply to them. OneSetPrice does that as well, and in addition has threatened to sue me and my ISP because I had the temerity to complain.

The telemarketing industry has been given a decade to clean up its act and comply voluntarily with federal and state law. It has failed miserably.

It is time for the government to establish a national Do Not Call Registry, funded entirely by a tax on telemarketers, with severe civil and criminal penalties imposed on telemarketers which call a number listed in the registry.

There should be no more loopholes. It should be explicit in the rules that delivering a telemarketing message to an answering machine or a voice mail system is equivalent to delivering it to a human. It should be explicit in the rules that the "non-profit" exemption does \*not\* permit a for-profit organization to use prerecorded telemarketing by setting up a non-profit shell corporation to make the calls on behalf of the for-profit corporation.

Finally, it should be made clear to telemarketers that if they persist in their refusal to comply with the stated intentions of the TCPA, that the next step will be to outlaw telemarketing entirely.