

I receive telemarketer hang-up and recorded message calls frequently. My machine often contains 2 or 3 such calls each day. My caller ID reports these calls as "Unavailable". My number is unlisted and I give it out to no one other than family and friends. The do-not-call list here in Pennsylvania has helped. In recent weeks, the number has dropped dramatically.

I firmly advocate a national do-not-call list. Further, I believe that telemarketers should be prohibited from making hang-up calls and using recorded messages. They should be required to display accurate caller ID information. Last, telephone companies should be permitted to block telemarketing calls at the request of their customers. This could be accomplished by requiring telemarketing firms to use clear caller ID information which indicates that they are calling for commercial purposes.

I urge you to give sincere consideration to these suggestions and thank you greatly for your time.