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January 17, 2003

The Honorable **W.J.** (Billy) Tauzin  
United **States** House of Representatives  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

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Dear Representative Tauzin.

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (**WCTA**) provides a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central Iowa and south central Minnesota serving over 8,300 customers.

WCTA, **like** many other rural telephone companies, made investments in our telecommunications equipment to resolve the "telemarketing nuisance calls" when requested by our customers.

We call our **service**, "Telemarker Call Screening". I have attached an excerpt from our newsletter describing the feature, and also enclosed a brochure.

I am writing to express **my** concerns of the development of a national "do-not-call" database list, and the **cost** to individual carriers, such as **WCTA**, to maintain **the** database. Especially when I have already made an investment to provide a service to my customers to block telemarketing **calls**.

Why develop a "do-not-call" telemarketing list, and create additional governmental bureaucracies, when there already is a means to block **the** telemarketing **calls** for customers requesting the service?

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener  
General Manager

cc: Iowa Senators  
Iowa Representatives  
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## Telemarketer Call Screening

*It never fails ...*

As Soon as you *sit* down at the dinner table the annoying telemarketing calls begin. If you are tired of being interrupted by telemarketing **calls**, you need Telemarketer Call Screening (TCS) from WCTA.

**Stop annoying telemarketer calls.**

TCS will help eliminate interruptions by intercepting telemarketers and instructing them to place you on their 'Do Not Call' list, all without even ringing your phone! Other callers are asked to dial "1" or stay on the line to be connected. It's simple, easy and only \$2.75 per month

*Sign up today...*

*It's easy.* Simply fill out the back side of this sheet and return it to WCTA.

**1-800-592-6105**  
**www.wctatel.net**  
**704 East Main - Lake Mills, Iowa**

### I want Telemarketer Call Screening!

I understand that I will be billed a one time installation charge of \$12.00 and \$2.75 per month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Required)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

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**704 East Main**  
**Lake Mills, IA 50450**

**1-800-592-6105**



*Linking you to the World*

Tired of Racing to the Phone Only to Find It's a Telemarketer?

There is no doubt that telemarketing calls can be intrusive and frustrating, especially during dinner family time. WCTA's Telemarketer Call Screening can help put an end to annoying telemarketing calls.

Here is how it works: Most telemarketer calls are delivered as "Unknown". Telemarketer Call Screening intercepts these calls and plays an announcement stating:

"The number you have reached does not accept calls from telemarketers. If you are a telemarketer, please add this number to your "Do Not Call" list and hang up now. Otherwise, please press 1 or stay on the line and your call will go through."

The best part is, your phone doesn't even ring! Call WCTA today at 1-800-592-6105 to put an end to annoying telemarketers at your house. It's fast, easy, and only \$2.75 per month.