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TO: Commissioner Michael Powell

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Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association

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

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  
Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA  
Don Erickson, OPASTCO  
FCC Commissioners

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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:

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

**1-800-592-6105**



*Linking you to the World*

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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.