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To: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

Re: Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 – CG Docket No. 02-278

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My name is Jon Matuzak. I live at 6138 Sherman, in Downers Grove, Illinois, 60516. I am thirty-eight (38) years old, and for the last thirteen (13) years I have been employed by The Allant Group, Inc., a provider of information services to the direct marketing industry. I was formerly employed for eight (8) years by Time, Inc.'s Chicago-based telemarketing unit. My entire adult life, then, has been spent in the direct marketing industry.

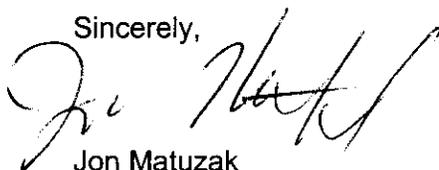
I'm writing to urge the FCC to immediately suspend any further regulation of the already heavily-regulated telemarketing industry. Specifically, I'm requesting that the FCC terminate their effort to compile and distribute a national Do Not Call registry. I'm making that request because I have first-hand knowledge of the negative consequences of such a registry: shuttered businesses, empty buildings, unemployed and likely unemployable people, and a decrease in economic activity across the land.

Telemarketing is a means to an end, and that end is the sale and distribution of goods, services, and charitable solicitation. And the end of economic activity is the very life-blood of America; the success of our economic model is a large part of the reason why America is rightly hailed as the greatest nation in the history of mankind. While the means can admittedly be aggravating, they are used by companies and organizations across the land because they work: telemarketing calls move goods, services, and charitable solicitations in an effective and efficient manner. If they did not, the businesses and organizations across America would use some other channel.

Is our great nation so free of challenges, then, that the federal government has the leisure to save the huddled masses from the evil wreaked by a telemarketing call? Where exactly do telemarketing calls fall in our national priorities? Let's see ... there's the threat of mass extinction through use by a terrorist group of chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons of mass destruction and there's the abysmal performance of our urban public schools ... we're contending with a petulant France, a recalcitrant Russia, and a lunatic North Korea while we attempt to pacify Iraq and the rest of the Middle East ... and let's not forget social security funding, uninsured citizens, and dysfunctional voting systems.

The regulatory action the FCC is contemplating will do grievous harm to a national economy that remains mired in an extraordinarily slow recovery. It will result in the closing of businesses. And it will lead to the unemployment of countless thousands of our fellow citizens whose future employment options aren't quite as good as yours and mine. Strike a blow for our economy, and against the mindless regulation of an activity that adds value to our nation every day. Just Say No to the Federal DNC registry!

Sincerely,



Jon Matuzak

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My name is Antoinette Droske. I live at 1070 Winnebago Trail, in Batavia, Illinois, 60510. I am forty-one (41) years old, and for the last thirteen (15) years I have been employed within the direct marketing industry. The past three years at The Allant Group, Inc., a provider of information services to the direct marketing industry.

I'm writing to urge the FCC to immediately suspend any further regulation of the already heavily-regulated telemarketing industry. Specifically, I'm requesting that the FCC terminate their effort to compile and distribute a national Do Not Call registry. I'm making that request because I have first-hand knowledge of the negative consequences of such a registry: shuttered businesses, empty buildings, unemployed and likely unemployable people, and a decrease in economic activity across the land.

Listed below are some serious concerns the FCC should consider.

- 1) The regulation will eliminate hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, of telemarketing jobs in all parts of the nation - jobs that are disproportionately held by working mothers, minorities, and people who do not have a lot of other employment opportunities.
- 2) The regulation will further harm our already ailing economy.
- 3) The regulation will increase our welfare and unemployment roles as legally-employed citizens are thrown out of work.
- 4) The cost of goods and services will rise as the telemarketing channel becomes underutilized, and the availability of low-cost goods and services will decrease.
- 5) The federal government stands to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in commercial tax revenues.

Sincerely,



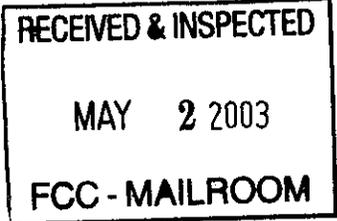
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Office of the Secretary
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Re: Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of
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My name is Mike Martin. For the last four years I have been employed by companies that rely either directly or indirectly on the direct marketing industry. I am currently an employee of The Allant Group.

I am writing today to urge you to abandon plans of implementing a national Do Not Call registry. As you are aware, many telemarketing jobs are filled by individuals who quite frankly, have few other options. Implementing this registry will most certainly cause hundreds of thousands of these jobs to be eliminated. Can we afford this at a time when our economy is already in trouble?

Most people with phones, myself included, have on occasion received an unwelcome call from a telemarketer. Certainly this can be annoying for some. But is it the role of the Federal Government to protect us from every annoyance or inconvenience in life? I've found the technique my Grandmother taught me to work quite well "Thank you but I'm not interested", then I hang up. On the other hand, I have purchased products and services from telemarketers that to this day continue to benefit me and my family. Regardless of public perception or misperception about telemarketing, the fact remains that telemarketing's true value to the U.S. economy is the movement of billions of dollars of goods and services each year. Restricting telemarketing will damage the economy – plain and simple.

Please abandon your plans for the national Do Not Call list. As a country, we simply can not afford it.

Sincerely,

Mike Martin

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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Amy Altenbern. During the past 5 years I have been employed by The Allant group, a provider of information services to the direct marketing industry. Prior to working at The Allant Group, I was employed by a community mental health center. I left that career due to convictions that the government policies that (I was required to follow) were created to protect and assist its citizens were actually resulting in harming their overall well being. Ironically, I face a similar conviction as it relates to the national Do Not Call registry.

I am writing to urge the FCC to end their effort to compile and distribute a national Do Not Call registry. I can appreciate the generalized opinion that telemarketing calls at dinner time are an annoyance. But I am more concerned about the overall impact that this registry would have on the citizens it is reportedly designed to protect. In the midst of an economic recession where average middle-class citizens are losing jobs due to layoffs, downsizing and bankruptcy, this proposed new regulation will result in the loss of more jobs. Sadly, the individuals who would be directly impacted are typically college students trying to make money to pay for school, or those whose future employment opportunities are limited. But this also effects the overall population. Telemarketing provides a service or distribution of goods. If this legislation goes into effect, the cost for selling these services or goods will increase, which will likely cause the sales to decrease.

There are many other low- to no cost solutions that would allow consumers and citizens to control their interaction with marketers. I respectfully request that the FCC reconsider those options.

Respectfully,


Amy L. Altenbern

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