

Dear Sir or Madam;

It is my understanding that you or your organization wish to weaken Indiana's "Do Not Call List." As a resident of the State of Indiana, I have written to support the State of Indiana in upholding the current "Do Not Call List."

It is the fundamental right of any citizen to seek the protection of the government when certain people/parties/organizations are in the business of harassment and seek to harass people on a personal level. I agree that for the sake of business, that telemarketing business should operate if, and only if, their contact is with another business, so that they may engage in further business transactions. Any telemarketing agency or business should not have a need to call up private citizens, especially if they have unpublished numbers or are on cell phones.

By being on the State of Indiana's "Do Not Call List" residents can have an increased sense of protection when it comes to phishing scams and other fraudulent telephone transactions. If the resident is on this "Do Not Call List," one knows that any telemarketing business should not contact them, and if they do, they face steep penalties, or aren't a legitimate company at all. Residents are urged to report any telemarketing phone calls to them to the State's Attorney General, where they will take action against the agency or business.

Another added benefit to eliminating telemarketing calls is to protect owners of cell phones. As a cell phone user, I can attest to the bewilderment and anger towards a telemarketer who has called not my home, but my cell phone: interrupting my business and further invading my privacy. Not only is it rude to receive a telemarketing call in the middle of a movie, or the grocery store, but I am supposed to foot the bill because they are using my minutes! It is simply outrageous and a crime in itself.

So, as a resident of the State of Indiana, and a registered applicant on the "Do Not Call List," I look towards it for the protection of my privacy and my pocket book. These businesses exist for business, but it shouldn't come at the price of harassment. They should only contact other business to sell their products and services. The Federal Government should do more to protect innocent citizens against the sneering, greedy, and corrupt telemarketing companies and since they don't I proudly stand behind Indiana's own "Do Not Call List."

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