

I am strongly in favor of revising the Indiana Telephone Privacy laws. In private the Attorney General has admitted that the laws were not intended to prevent businesses from contacting their existing customers, yet under the vague wording of Indiana's law, technically my doctor shouldn't call me about an upcoming appointment, because he will benefit financially from doing so. Of course, doctors, lawyers, financial advisors and others ignore the law not only because it is ludicrous, but also because to do otherwise would go against the wishes of their clients. Do people want to be able to avoid the random dialings of a lawn service, insurance salesperson or magazine subscription hawker? Absolutely! But they do not want their existing business and service providers to be deterred from contacting them in the course of their business relationship. The vagueries of Indiana's poorly-crafted law have caused that situation today, and I, along with many of my fellow citizens with whom I've discussed this topic, want the law changed. We want to support our economy and the people and firms with whom we have chosen to do business. Unfortunately, the Attorney General hasn't owned up publicly to the need to amend Indiana's law, instead choosing to wield it as a political banner. It is a detriment to our state. Thank you in advance for helping to correct this problem.