

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I write to urge you to reject Mr. Paul D.S. Edwards' petition for clarification on whether a creditor may place autodialed and prerecorded message calls to a telephone number associated with wireless service if that number had been ported by the consumer from a number originally dedicated to a landline.

The FCC's January 4, 2008 declaratory ruling made clear that autodialed and prerecorded message calls to a wireless number are permissible where the subscriber gives prior express consent to be called, and the porting of a phone number from one place to another is a consumer decision that implies continued consent to be called at that number.

Mr. Edwards' petition represents an attempt to roll back the FCC's previous rulemaking, and I strongly urge the commission to reject it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to state that while I do understand the underlying intent of the rule, I must state that the rule may also be harmful to the consumer. The rule can more than likely prevent voice contact with a consumer. If there is no other phone number to reach the consumer at, voice communication through a cell phone may be the only communication type that allows the matter to be brought to the surface and encourages the consumer to take care of the debt, especially if the consumer has disregarded, for whatever reason, any collection notices sent by the collection agency. Personally, I am a very large consumer of healthcare services as my very young son had to have a Bone Marrow Transplant less just 30 months ago. Many, many bills came in the mail. My wife and I were always busy taking care of our child and did not pay much attention to the past due notices we were receiving pertaining to our son's medical care bills. I provide this personal information as an example how bills tend to be overlooked. Sometimes a phone call is the only way to reach someone regarding a business matter.

If the consumer can't be reached and doesn't take care of the debt in a timely manner, the agency will likely post the debt on the credit bureau record of the consumer. If that happens, the consumer's credit score is likely to go down. Lower credit scores can prevent a consumer from

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If the commission would like further commentary from me regarding this matter, I will be delighted to comply.

Thank you for serving this great nation.

Sincerely,

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