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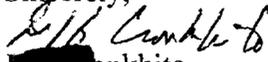
RE: Comments About the Proposed National "Do Not Call" Registry

I would welcome the opportunity to have my phone number on a national "do not call" registry that telemarketers would be required to obey. The Direct Marketing Association's registry appears to be largely ignored by telemarketers; the frequency of calls to my household has actually increased since I added my number to the DMA registry.

Among the practices that imposes the greatest inconvenience to me and my family is telemarketing messages left on my home answering machine. Because these are frequently interspersed among legitimate messages, they are difficult to skip over or erase, and usually must be endured. Furthermore, the contact information given in these messages generally only allows contact with sales personnel, who are invariably ignorant of do-not-call registry requirements or policies and uninterested in adhering to them. It is therefore usually impossible to even effectively prevent these annoying messages from being repeated later.

I believe the amount of time a phone number should remain on the national do not call registry should be the same as the current requirement for privately held registries: 10 years.

Sincerely,


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