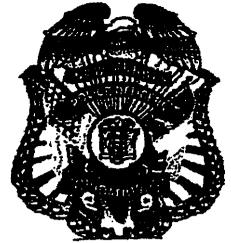




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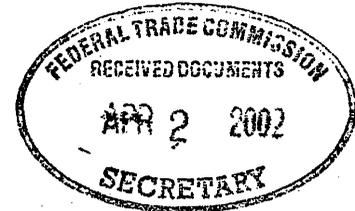
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Ladies/Gentleman,

The undersigned is a Director of the New Jersey Police Officers Foundation of New Jersey, and I am writing in response to your request for public comments on the proposed amendment to the Telemarketing Sales Rule. Our concern arises because we are dependent upon grass roots fundraising, which is conducted on our behalf by an outside telemarketing company.

The proceeds we receive from telemarketing fundraising are vital to the survival of our organization. We use funds, in part to provide death benefits for families of officers, provide scholarships in memory of deceased officers and help suffering children in New Jersey hospitals.

In order for us to solicit support in our state our organization must be registered. Not only must we be registered, but the telemarketing company representing us must also register, and post a bond. Further, the telemarketing company is required to give certain disclosures at the point of the appeal. In addition, under the terms of our arrangement with them, any individual who is called on behalf of our organization need simply to ask and we put them on our do-not-call list.

We are opposed to the establishment of a national do-not-call registry that contains exceptions for certain calls, but would cover calls made on behalf of our organization. For example, it is my understanding that calls made by charitable organizations directly would not be included; nor would calls made by long distance service providers or credit card companies. It is also my understanding that fundraising calls made by politicians would not be covered! Why is a call that is made on behalf of our organization to our loyal supporters an invasion of privacy, when a call from a politician is not? That is neither fair nor rational.

If it is the intention of the Federal Trade Commission to amend the Telemarketing Sales Rule, then I am asking for your consideration to exempt all calls made by or on behalf of nonprofit organizations. The funds we receive our vital to support our membership and our community programs. Don't take them away from us.

Sincerely,

Vincent Nardone
Rec. Secretary