

March 21, 2002

Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 159  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580

**RE: OPPOSED TO NATIONAL REGISTRY FOR DO-NOT-CALL LIST**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Special Olympics Montana is a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation that provides more than 2,000 individuals with mental retardation and closely related developmental disabilities opportunities to train for life through sports. We do not receive state or federal funding nor are we a United Way supported agency. Approximately 17% of our revenues is derived from telemarketing sources.

In this rural state, the fourth largest geographically, with a sparse population scattered far and wide, use of telemarketing and other forms of electronic communication is critical to our fund development and delivery of service. Not only do we receive essential funding from our telemarketing contracts, but through our contracted relationships, we also create public awareness about the needs of a very vulnerable population who would not otherwise have access to critical services you and I take for granted.

For these reasons, I oppose the proposal to amend the Telemarketing Sales Rule by including a national do-no-call registry. If the amendment to the Rule goes into effect, it will seriously impair our funding stream and program services. All calls on behalf of nonprofit organizations should be excluded from coverage.

The consequences of this proposed amendment are severe. Please exercise caution and restraint so that you don't put at risk organizations like Special Olympics Montana who rely on telemarketing to reach generous donors.

Sincerely,

Bob Norbie  
President