



**Special Olympics**

*New Hampshire*

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 159  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue **N.W.**  
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Sir,

Special Olympics New Hampshire is a not-for-profit organization that provides year-round opportunities for sports training **and** athletic competition for children and adults with mental challenges. Currently, more than 2,200 participants and thousands of volunteers, family members **and** friends take part in SONH events.

We are partially funded through the generosity of thousands of individuals and small businesses throughout New Hampshire who are solicited by professional telemarketing service bureaus. **SONH** is celebrating its 31<sup>st</sup> year of services to athletes in New Hampshire who depend on these donations.

Everyone involved **with** Special Olympics is committed to the success of the programs we provide. We, therefore, oppose the proposal to amend the Telemarketing Sales Rule **and** request that non-profit organizations be excluded from coverage.

It would be a terrible disservice to everyone, especially the athletes, to find ourselves in a position where we have to cut programs due to lack of funding.

Sincerely,

  
Michael F Quinn  
President

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