

October 7, 2009

Via Email: tsrdebtrelief@ftc.gov and

Regular First Class Mail

Federal Trade Commission

Office of the Secretary

Room H-135 (Annex-T)

600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20580

Re: Telemarketing Sales Rule – Debt Relief Rulemaking Forum – Request to Participate, R411001

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as a request by Debt Settlement USA, Inc. (“DSUSA”) to participate in the November 4, 2009 public forum regarding the above-reference rule (the “Request”).

DSUSA respectfully requests that **Ted Brauer, owner of DSUSA**, be allowed to speak and participate in the Forum, presently scheduled for November 4, 2009. As owner of DSUSA, a debt settlement company located in Scottsdale, AZ that opened for business in 2003, Mr. Brauer has lent support to the debt resolution industry by providing funding for regulatory efforts to obtain industry specific regulations for debt settlement providers that will ensure consumers are protected by prohibiting unscrupulous acts and ensuring the businesses operating legitimately are able to continue to provide much needed services. Mr. Brauer requires that his company meet the stringent standards of ISO 9001:2008 certification which is an international quality management standard certified by an independent auditor. Moreover, all operations, from consultations to customer service to negotiations are all done in the Scottsdale location with no outsourcing of any work. He has operated numerous businesses since his graduation from Harvard in 1961 and he can provide his perspective on the impact of the proposed regulations on the legitimate businesses that provide debt resolution services. Mr. Brauer’s comments and insight will assist the FTC in its rulemaking process and, as such, we respectfully request he be granted the opportunity to speak and participate on our behalf. Pursuant to the guidelines provided by the FTC, Mr. Brauer’s contact information is provided here:


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Please note that DSUSA will be submitting a written comment in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") to amend the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule ("TSR"), as required for participation in the public forum.

We appreciate very much the Commission's consideration of this Request. DSUSA looks forward to assisting the Commission to the greatest extent possible in developing a final rule in this matter; a rule that will accomplish strong, needed consumer protections in the debt settlement industry, but which will also allow for the continued health and operation of honest, ethical providers who serve those consumers and the preservation of debt relief choices for them.

With much thanks, 

 John F. Craven
President
Debt Settlement USA, Inc.