



# Ohio Troopers

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 159  
600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington D.C. 20580

Dear Sirs:

The Ohio Troopers Coalition is a non-profit organization that receives a large part of its funding from telemarketing. The proposed amendment to the Telemarketing Sales Rule would more ~~than~~ likely diminish the funds that are presently used to provide our drug education program, B.A.D. (Bears Against Drugs), and also our Hug-A-Bear program to children. The above mentioned programs are just two of the many that are provided for Ohio's children through funding from telemarketing.

However small each individual donation may seem, every donation helps us to reach and sustain our program goals. Many Ohioans know these programs because of the telemarketing bureau that we employ. If these programs should cease to exist from lack of funding, a large part of the public awareness of our programs and also our long-standing contributions to children would also cease to exist. These programs are staples not only to the name of the Ohio Troopers Coalition, but also to that of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. By passing the amendment to the Telemarketing Sales Rule, the name of the Ohio Troopers Coalition would, over time, have no significance whatsoever.

In closing, I would just like to state that the Ohio Troopers Coalition is opposed to the proposed amendment to the Telemarketing Sales Rule. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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