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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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Chairman Timothy J. Muris
Federal Trade Commission
Room 159
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580

Dear Chairman Muris:

I am writing regarding the Federal Trade Commission's proposed changes to the Telemarketing Sales Rule (FTC File No. R411001). As I am sure you know, these changes will have a substantial impact on an industry that greatly impacts our economy.

In recent years, call centers have moved into more communities nationwide and currently employ over six million Americans. These centers provide stable jobs in communities that are often struggling to attract businesses and job opportunities. One such call center is located in my hometown of Pasco, Washington. This center has a substantial economic impact - employing over 300 people in our community.

The telemarketing industry is heavily regulated and appropriately so in many cases. I applaud your efforts to hold these companies accountable under current law. However, as you consider changes to current telemarketing regulations, I respectfully ask that you consider the effects changes would have on those companies that have proven records of abiding by all laws and regulations on the books.

Sincerely,

Doc Hastings
Member of Congress