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Chairman Timothy J. Muris
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Chairman Muris:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin (PFFW) regarding the proposed national "do not call" registry.

The PFFW is a nonprofit entity that relies extensively upon small gifts **from a large number** of people to support its charitable activities. Its ability to contact donors is essential **to** sustaining such activities. The proposed rule would severely inhibit **the** ability of the **PFFW** to **raise** funds in **this manner**.

Although the PFFW would be exempt under the rule, **any** private company making calls on its behalf would be subject to the restrictions. Due to time and cost restraints, the **majority** of PFFW fundraising calls **are** made by private companies. The application of the "do not call" registry to these companies could, therefore, prevent the PFFW from contacting some current and past donors.

To ensure that the purpose of **the** exemption for nonprofit organizations is preserved, the proposed rule should include **an** exemption for private companies **making** calls on behalf of exempt organizations.

Please consider this proposed rule change in light of these concerns **and** grant **an** exemption **to** private companies **making** fundraising calls on behalf of **an** exempt organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.", written over a faint, illegible typed name.

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.,
Member of Congress

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Cc: Commissioners Sheila F. Anthony, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, ~~Thomas B. Leary~~