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

Dear Chairman Muris:

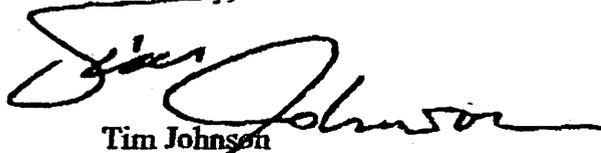
I am writing regarding the Federal Trade Commission's proposal to create a national "Do Not Call" registry.

I have been contacted by constituents who are concerned about the implications this proposed rule could have on charitable organizations that rely on telemarketing fundraising to support their activities. I have also heard from numerous South Dakotans who are inundated by calls from telemarketers who do not respect their wishes not to be called.

Clearly, *there is* a need for a national "Do Not Call" registry; however, I hope the FTC will work to ensure that this proposed rule does not unfairly and unnecessarily impact charitable organizations from their fundraising. Many charities depend on revenue from annual telephone fundraising drives to conduct their work throughout the year. I believe there is a way for the FTC to adopt a sound rule without the unintended consequences of financially harming charitable organizations that *do so much good* in our communities.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and I look forward to your response on *how* the FTC will craft this rule.

Sincerely,



Tim Johnson
United States Senate

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