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Federal Trade Commission
Room 159
600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC

Regarding: Telemarketing Rule-Making, Comment FTC File No. R411001

Sent via email: tsr@ftc.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

Our non-profit organization contracts with Hudson Bay Company for telemarketing services. They provide us with a service that would be very difficult and more costly for us to perform ourselves.

It would take about 2 part time people to contact all of our members. No one in the organization has the expertise at hiring, training, supervising and paying them, let alone the time to do this free speech work in-house. We would also have to buy another computer, rent more space and waste a lot of money if we did not use the services of Hudson Bay Company.

If one-third of our members and donors get on the "do not call list" your effectiveness in pressuring legislators and government agencies will drop correspondingly and your telephone canvass revenues will drop by 2/3rds.

I object to any government agency deciding for us how we engage in our activities and our long-term relationships with our supporters in Texas. We have the right to contact them and they have the right to hear from us. Take away of freedom of political organizations like ours to say what they want and use whatever vendors we want and it's no longer a free country, or even close to being free.

The Texas law wisely exempts political groups like ours from the no call list. Whenever our supporters tell us they don't want phone calls, we refrain from calling them. Government interference is not necessary or productive.

Sincerely,

Robin Schneider
Director