

March 18, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Executive Director of the Wisconsin Troopers Association, a nonprofit group whose membership includes all of the state trooper and commercial vehicle inspector members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

I am writing to ask your attention to a matter that is both grave and urgent. I refer to the extensive and permanent damage that will be sustained by my organization if a certain proposed FTC rule is enacted. I strongly urge that the rule be amended such that its coverage does not extend to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

For your information, I have attached a statement of position that provides pertinent discussion of the proposed rule and its likely consequences if it is adopted. The National Troopers Coalition of which our organization is a member unanimously adopted this statement.

The very existence of the Wisconsin Troopers Association relies upon getting our message out to the public at large and upon our continued freedom and ability to appeal to the public for support. Our association does not have the luxury of a volunteer base to do this essential work for us nor do our members have the expertise or the opportunity to do so.

There are several reasons why the impact of the proposed rule is so serious. Chief among them:

- The "do-not-call" registry created by the rule will require our fundraiser to refrain from contacting a substantial number of Wisconsin residents we are confident would otherwise agree to support the Wisconsin Troopers Association.
- Further, the proposed rule will severely and perhaps totally limit our ability to contact Wisconsin citizens who have supported our association in the past and would, we believe, support it in the future.

I cannot overstate the likely devastating impact the proposed rule will have on the Wisconsin Troopers Association.

On behalf of our members, I ask that your office give the amending of the proposed FTC rule every favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Casey Perry
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