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To whom it may concern:

While it certainly seems to be a legitimate action of each state and now, as a follow-on to the federal government's actions regarding no call lists...I offer you my opinion as as a US taxpaying citizen.

This action is in the process of shutting down an American enterprise...that being communication! While it may be a nuisance to receive calls from telemarketers, it is their right as free American businesses to forward the "American Dream", not to mention the expansion of American Commerce.

With the advent of caller ID and other blocking devices...a person has the option of NOT answering the phone. To fine this form of enterprise for not being in compliance with no-call lists is ludicrous. Especially when these lists are government generated and very rarely up-to-date.

One has to question, what is the real reason for states and the federal government passing legislation, as quickly as they have, to the extent that they have...when this same governing body cannot agree on a fiscal budget?

The truth is...those that are the most annoying related to unsolicited calls, are exempt under the ruling... churches, government solicitations, firefighters, hospitals, police...just to name a few. These institutions mentioned are not even "going concerns" within this country...which generate a payroll and contribute to the overall taxbase of our states and country.

Further, the more "call centers" that have to comply with this restriction in the US, simply makes the owners figure out that it is just not worth it! Hello! Then they shut down, lay off workers and guess where the business is going...mostly to India...let's see you impose a fine on an Indian company.

Something is very wrong with this imposition on the first amendment! FIX IT...AND FIX IT NOW...before your next step is to shut down the telephone communication systems...because someone of some importance doesn't like who is calling them!

Thank you for reviewing my comments.

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A concerned citizen.