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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I believe the FTC should adopt the Florida approach as it relates to the fees related to the Do Not Call legislation. If the consumer wants to be on the list let the consumer pay for it.

Florida is a perfect example of the true interest the consumer has in getting on a DNC list. When it comes to putting up their own money, even as little as \$10, the interest quickly fades and, in most cases, disappears. This comment is based on the ratio of names on the Florida DNC list compared to the lists created by other states who provide the list free of charge to the consumer. Using this approach allows the people who truly have the desire to be on the DNC list to do so at very little cost to them while having a minimal effect on the process of free trade and commerce.

This legislation has already had a huge negative impact on businesses, including my own, with greater negative impact yet to come. We are already planning layoffs and are pulling back our planned expansion as well as new equipment purchases. These plans amounted to approximately \$250,000 in spending which will not occur until I am certain of the long term impact this legislation will have on me and my business. At this point it appears that this legislation, along with the various states legislation, has the potential to put me out of business. Hopefully, someone will come to thier senses before this happens.

Our business has always respected the consumer's wish to be left alone and has maintained our own DNC list for many years. However, we believe that we as a people do not need the government to hang up the phone for us. And if you don't want to have to hang up the phone after receiving a telemarketing call there is already plenty of inexpensive technology available for those who want to have someone or something do it for us.

PLEASE repeal this legislation. This is what I would rather have happen.

John Girty
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