

From: joe stik
To: FTC.SERIOUS("tsr@ftc.gov")
Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2002 9:13 AM
Subject: Telemarketing

Dear SIR/MADAM

DUE TO POTENTIAL REGULAR MAIL PROCESSING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I AM E-MAILING THIS LETTER TO MEET THE MARCH 29th DEADLINE AND FOLLOW UP WITH A HARD COPY. AS PRESIDENT OF THE CEDAR RAPIDS AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION I WANT TO INFORM YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED TELE-MARKETING SALE RULE CHANGES TO INCLUDE NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS FIRE FIGHTER ORGANIZATIONS. THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

MARCH 22, 2002

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
ROOM 159
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

I AM WRITING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CEDAR RAPIDS AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS TO EXPRESS OUR OBJECTION TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONS PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TELE-MARKETING SALES RULE TO INCLUDE NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS THE FIRE FIGHTERS FOR A NATIONAL "DO NOT CALL" LIST.

AS FIRE FIGHTERS, WE MAKE IT OUR BUSINESS TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE. OUR FIRE FIGHTER ORGANIZATION IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT RELIES ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH A THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISER. WE USE THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS AND TO ASSIST OUR MEMBERS IN ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS.

THE PROPOSED RULE OF A NATIONAL "DO NOT CALL" LIST WOULD INCLUDE OUR SUPPORTERS WHO WANT TO HELP FIRE FIGHTERS BUT MAYBE NOT OTHER SOLICITORS. **THIS** MAKES THE "RULE UNWISE AND WE SUPPORT THE EXEMPTION OF NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS.

SINCERELY,

JOE MRSTIK
PRESIDENT LOCAL 2607

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