

Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana

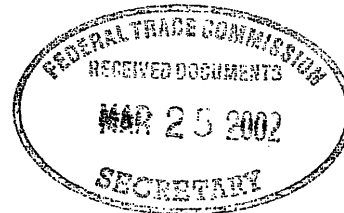
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The Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana is a nonprofit organization with membership of over 50 statewide nonprofit local associations representing over **5,000** professional fire fighters in the state of Indiana.

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Our organization opposes the amendments **to** the Telemarketing Sales Rule proposed by the Federal Trade Commission.

1st District Vice-President

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Our association depends upon telemarketing communication to contact our many supporters in fundraising appeals seeking public support of membership programs and community projects.

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The effect of the proposed revisions would result in discriminatory application **to** some but not others; would not address the basis on which most complaints are generated for unsolicited telephone calls; and would constitute a violation of the First Amendment rights of **our** members and other nonprofit organizations similarly situated.

3rd District Vice-President

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Because of the lack of jurisdiction over certain callers by the FTC, calls from political and commercial interests would be favored over calls made on behalf of nonprofit associations. The National Association of Attorneys General, **as well as** numerous watchdog agencies, publish lists regularly of the top consumer complaints. Never **has** the list included calls made on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

4th District Vice-President

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A majority of states, including Indiana, have already enacted legislation regulating telemarketing including various forms of 'do-not-call' laws. The proposed revisions would conflict with the regulations already established in various states.

District ~~Trustees~~

David Nondorf

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I urge you to revise the proposed amendments so that they do not apply to calls **made** on behalf of nonprofit organizations that are not selling **goods** or services.

Secretary-Treasurer

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Richard O. **Kissel**

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Miller

President, Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana