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Re: Telemarketing Review - Comment. File No. P994414

The automated dialers which dial several numbers and then talk to the first answerer and hang up on the rest, are a travesty to true telemarketing activities. Calling several people to their phones with intentions of talking to only one and then anonymously dumping the rest is an indefensible business practice. Most people, paying for telephone service, are unaware that they have been victimized. They may attribute those experience to "another hang up call" and privately wonder with trepidation whether someone is playing jokes, or worse, stalking. It is lunacy to have to consider paying the phone company for an extra service of blocking unwanted calls. Unwanted calls are an invasion of privacy and automated dialers further abuse and exploit citizens' vulnerability.

Sincerely,

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