

My comments involve only the first proposal.

I fully support the proposal to expressly prohibit unsolicited prerecorded telemarketing calls but the prohibition should also apply to calls handled by answering machines or voice mail systems because these devices have limited storage capacity (especially most home digital-based answering machines, which may have only 5-10 minutes of message space). A caller who has an important personal message wouldn't be able to leave it if my answering machine's all filled up with lengthy pre-recorded telemarketing messages. Yes I would definitely prefer to receive the caller's message in person, but not having a functional answering machine as an option basically leaves me with no indication of the attempted call.

Furthermore, I believe that right now live (non-recorded) unsolicited telemarketers are prohibited from leaving messages on an answering machine because my phone number is on the DNC list and thus they are prohibited from calling in the first place. Why should there be an exception for recorded calls?

Finally, I believe an explicit prohibition would benefit both consumers and telemarketers by reducing the possibilities for confusion and lack of awareness. Right now I'm receiving recorded telemarketing calls from a mortgage lender on my work phone and while I realize the TSR may not apply to this situation, I would like to know that it clearly does when these types of calls start to come in on my personal phones.