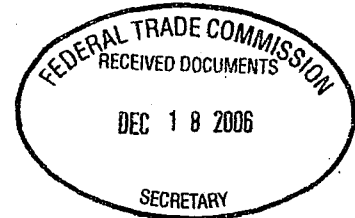


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Federal Trade Commission
Office of the Secretary
Room H-159 (Annex K)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20580

RE: Prerecorded Call Prohibition EBR Telemarketing, Project No. R411001

To whom it may concern:

I just had a meeting with a local merchant who informed me of the FTC's proposal to stop prerecorded sales messages. The merchant that I spoke with sends pre-recorded sales offers to me and my neighbors, these calls are good for his business and provide the community with a valued service.... and I know I could speak on behalf of everyone when I say "I appreciate receiving the calls". These calls allow me to purchase special items at a reduced rate. I also receive calls from my football league with offers to purchase promotional items to raise money for our league. I know that if I ever wanted to be removed from these calls lists that I could do so with ease. These are businesses and organizations that I have a relationship with. I urge you to vote no on your proposal so I can continue to receive these calls.

I am opposed to the FTC's proposal that would require written authorization to receive pre-recorded telemarketing calls from the businesses and Non profit organizations that I have an Established Business Relationship with. I am aware of the burden this would place on these businesses and I believe this burden would cause most of if not all of the businesses that call me to simply discontinue sending these calls.

Pre recorded sales calls provide a great benefit to businesses and consumers and it is outrageous that the FTC would even consider interfering with the relationship between a business and its customers.

I would ask the Commission to either adopt the EBR exception contained in the TCPA that creates an exception for pre-recorded calls sent by companies that have an EBR with the person they are calling or continue its forbearance towards businesses that send pre-recorded messages to those with an EBR beyond January 2, 2007.

Sincerely,

Robert Szczepanik