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As a small community newspaper group, 1-1/2 years old, we are making every effort to comply with the Do Not Call regulations. We have had to hire special consultants and purchase additional equipment to allow us to manage a data base and scrub against our existing accounts. The expense for a new company has been substantial. It appears that smaller companies are being penalized for the larger telemarketing firms that continue to make unsolicited calls to private party citizens. We would prefer to stay with the quarterly update mandate that has been in place, and not go to a monthly update program. It would cause an additional expense that I believe places undo hardship on our business. Thank you for your consideration of this request.