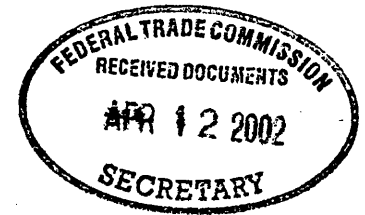


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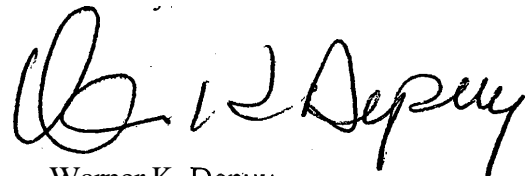
Dear Secretary:

I am General Counsel and a Board of Director's Member of Special Olympics Connecticut, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing sports training and competitions for more than 7,300 persons with mental retardation in Connecticut. We are also one of 50 state chapters of Special Olympics International, serving hundreds of thousands of the mentally handicapped across America.

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed National Do-Not-Call Registry. Of our total \$4.1 million budget, the government provides only \$100,000. The remaining funds are raised through the private sector, and direct marketing plays an important role in raising those funds. Direct marketing also plays a role in helping to recruit the more than 10,000 volunteers we need on an annual basis. Finally, I would note that our telemarketing firms provide for individuals and companies to be placed on their "do not call" lists if so requested.

The proposed amendment **will**, in my opinion, severely restrict our ability to raise private funds in support of our athletes and hurt hundreds of other non-profit organizations as well. Additionally, while the non-profit community would be severely impacted by this legislation, the banking and telecommunications companies **and** others would probably not be affected by this legislation one way or the other.

On behalf of our 7,300 athletes I **ask** that you not approve a National Do-Not-Call Registry, or at a minimum, exempt non-profits from its application.



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