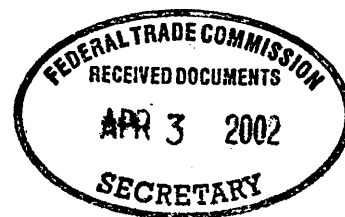




**Special Olympics**  
*Iowa*



March 19, 2002

Office of the Secretary  
Federal Trade Commission, Room 159  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20580

~~Dear~~ Sir or Madam:

I **am** writing to express **my** concern over the proposed amendments to the Telemarketing Sales Rule to create a national registry for a do-not-call list. I **am** President/CEO of Special Olympics Iowa. In the world of not-for-profit organizations we are a small 501(c)(3). We serve over 12,000 Iowans with mental disabilities and operate on an annual budget of **1.4** million dollars. Most of **our** funds come from small **gifts** donated by a large number of people. With a small staff we have to rely on telemarketing to reach people all over the state. A sizable reduction **in** telemarketing income would be devastating for **our** organization, and more importantly for mentally handicapped citizens of Iowa.

We work very hard to continue to reach out to more and more of the mentally handicapped each year. We have a tremendous track record of improving the lives of the mentally disabled by improving their confidence **and** self-esteem through participation in Special Olympics. We are proud that nationally Special Olympics was named the "Most Credible Charity in America" by the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

I **am** opposed to adoption of **the** proposed rule change. If however, you do adopt the rule I respectfully urge you to exclude not-for-profit charitable organization from the rule. I can assure you that if charitable organizations were included it would be financially devastating to hundreds of non-profits **across** the country. More importantly it would be devastating to the services that those non-profits are providing to **their** clients.

**Thanks** you for your consideration of my **thoughts**.

Sincerely,

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