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Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission
Room 159 – 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20580

To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1968, Special Olympics New Mexico has empowered people who were once
shuttered away in institutions to emerge on the fields of sport as inspiring and heroic
competitors. Involvement in sport has had a profound impact on thousands of people
with mental retardation in our state; it has built their social confidence; it has improved
their health and well being; it has given them the voice to become engaging and
productive members of their families and of their communities.

To date, Special Olympics New Mexico provides 2,200 mentally challenged children and
adults year-round sports training and competition in 15 different sports. Our delegations
hail from 108 New Mexico communities from Alamogordo to the Zuni Reservation. Our
organization is run by a combination of six full-time staff and **6,000 volunteers**, who
unselfishly give of their time and resources so that our athletes can play the sports they
love.

Almost 20% of Special Olympics New Mexico's annual revenue is generated from
telemarketing. In a state with minimal corporate entities and little industry, relying
heavily on its federal laboratories, military bases, and tourism industry… resources for
non-profit organizations are scarce. Having to replace telemarketing revenue would be
devastating.

The purpose of this letter is to express strong opposition to the proposal to amend the
Telemarketing Sales Rule by including a national do-not-call registry that would include
some calls but not all calls. Be assured that if this Rule goes into effect, it would be
devastating to our ability to deliver program services to our Special Olympians and their
families.

In closing, on behalf of the board of directors of Special Olympics New Mexico and our constituents, we ask that all calls on behalf of nonprofit organizations be excluded from coverage.

Sincerely,
Ms. Randy Mascorella
Executive Director