

**MARCH 21, 2002**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.  
ROOM 159  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**DEAR SIR OR MADAM:**

**I AM WRITING TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE OTTUMWA FIRE FIGHTERS TO EXPRESS OUR OBJECTION TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TELEMARKETING SALES RULE TO INCLUDE NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS FIRE FIGHTERS FOR A NATIONAL "DO NOT CALL" LIST.**

**AS FIRE FIGHTERS, WE MAKE IT OUR BUSINESS TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE. OUR FIRE FIGHTER ORGANIZATION IS A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION THAT RELIES ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH A THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISER. WE USE THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS AND TO ASSIST OUR MEMBERS IN ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS.**

**THE PROPOSED RULE OF A NATIONAL "DO NOT CALL" LIST WOULD INCLUDE OUR SUPPORTERS WHO WANT TO HELP FIRE FIGHTERS BUT MAYBE NOT OTHER SOLICITORS. THIS MAKES THE "RULE" UNWISE AND WE SUPPORT THE EXEMPTION OF NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS.**

**SINCERELY,**

**BRYAN CARNAHAN, PRESIDENT  
OTTUMWA ASSOCIATION of  
PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS**