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Dear Members of the City Council:

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of the Council resolution supporting the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to establish a national do-not-call registry and to strengthen consumer protection in the area of telemarketing. Please know that I am in full support of the FTC's efforts on this issue.

As all of you certainly are aware, current federal law requires telemarketers to maintain a list of consumers who ask not to be called. Unfortunately, there is no federal oversight of this list. In fact, while a number of states have enacted state-wide do not call registries, the only nationally maintained do not call registry is maintained by the Direct Marketing Association – a trade association for telemarketers and other direct solicitation companies. It is worth noting that not only are telemarketing companies not required to use the do not call registry maintained by the DMA, but it also costs a small fee to sign oneself up on the list. Clearly, this is not good enough. It is time for a federal agency to have oversight of this matter.

Again, thank you for forwarding me the Council's resolution on this matter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Capuano
Member of Congress

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Consent Communication #7

A communication was received from Representative Michael E. Capuano, regarding the resolution supporting the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to establish a national do-not-call registry and to strengthen consumer protection in the area of telemarketing.

In City Council March 18, 2002

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