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Dear Sir or Madam:

Special Olympics New York is currently the largest chapter in the world, with **40,000** athletes supported by nearly 30,000 volunteers. As a not-for-profit organization, we are responsible for raising funds to support training and competitions for our athletes. Funds raised through our direct marketing campaigns are substantial and essential for the delivery of service to our athletes. In addition, the **use** of telemarketers helps us to raise awareness and connect with those interested in becoming Special Olympics volunteers. All of this would be threatened by the Telemarketing Sales Rules to create a national registry for **a** "do not call" list.

Special Olympics New York opposes the proposed amendment as it currently stands. Thank you for the opportunity to give input to this process.

Very truly yours,

Neal J. Johnson President & CEO

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