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Statement on Telemarketing Complaints Received by the FCC

FCC Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Chief K. Dane Snowden issued the following statement today:

"Today, as of 4:00 p.m., we had received approximately 1,500 (telephonic and e-mail) inquiries from consumers who want to know how to sign up for the Do-Not-Call registry. This number is up about 300 from yesterday's total for the same period. Our response has been that pending resolution of the court challenges, the FTC has suspended registrations to the list, and the FCC is not able at this time to add people to the list.

"Approximately 425 complaints were received as of 4:00 p.m. today, 175 above the number we received for the same period yesterday. As was the case yesterday, most of the complaints were submitted by consumers who previously signed up for the do-not-call registry but have received one or more calls since Oct. 1 from telemarketers. A small number of the complaints are against telecommunications carriers. However, the majority involve non-carrier entities.

"To the extent legally permissible, the FCC will continue to vigorously enforce our rules on behalf of the American consumer."

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