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WASHINGTON

February 6, 2015

The Honorable Renee Ellmers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
426 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Ellmers:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to act on a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by RTI International (RTI), which requests that the Commission clarify that the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) does not apply to research survey calls made by or on behalf of the federal government. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

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The Honorable David E. Price  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2162 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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