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The Honorable Tim Huelskamp
U.S. House of Representatives
129 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Huelskamp:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to act on a Petition for Rulemaking filed by the Association of Credit and Collection Professionals International (ACA). Among other things, ACA seeks to have the Commission re-interpret the statutory definition of an automatic telephone dialing system, also known as an autodialer. Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

As you note, Congress enacted the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) in 1991 to protect consumers from unwanted autodialed or prerecorded telemarketing calls. The statute and the Commission's implementing rules prohibit the use of automatic telephone dialing systems and artificial or prerecorded voice messages to make non-emergency calls without prior express consent in certain instances.

The Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau issued a Public Notice seeking comment on ACA's petition and has done the same with related petitions we have received over the past several months. The comment cycles on those petitions have been completed, and Commission staff is comprehensively reviewing the record established in the proceeding. In addition, staff has held numerous meetings with interested parties, including those with debt collection interests that are similar ACA's.

Please be assured that we will take into consideration the issues and concerns presented by all stakeholders as the Commission reviews the record in this proceeding as expeditiously as possible.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler