

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-
3 GRESS ASSEMBLED, TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE
4 STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE FEDERAL
5 COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

6 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
7 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth
8 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

9 WHEREAS, communication is essential to Idaho's economy for conducting
10 business, social interaction, and emergency contacts; and

11 WHEREAS, phone communication, and particularly cell phone communica-
12 tion and related uses, is subject to distraction, disruption, and interfer-
13 ence as a result of unwanted and unsolicited phone calls from recordings and
14 persons who do not identify themselves and use false phone numbers to promote
15 warranties, health products, credit cards, computer repair, and many prod-
16 ucts they have no intention of providing; and

17 WHEREAS, the unscrupulous and dishonest use of our phone communication
18 system is becoming so frequent that it interferes with commerce because in-
19 creasingly users do not answer the phone, missing legitimate and important
20 calls; and

21 WHEREAS, Idaho state statutes, do not call registries, and other reme-
22 dies have become ineffective because those who engage in this misbehavior
23 have no intention of obeying the law and are able to avoid being apprehended
24 or detected because they are calling from locations outside of the United
25 States or, if calling within the United States, they use sophisticated hack-
26 ing methods; and

27 WHEREAS, Idaho state and local governments do not have the expertise to
28 control the increasing burden upon Idaho citizens and particularly do not
29 have the jurisdiction to pursue offshore illegal activities.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
31 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
32 the Senate concurring therein, that we support the citizens of the State of
33 Idaho and request that the Federal Communications Commission, with the sup-
34 port and assistance of our congressional delegation, provide the resources
35 necessary and take every reasonable step to procure the necessary expertise
36 to prosecute and end this interference and misuse of our communications sys-
37 tem.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
39 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
40 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
41 resentatives of Congress, to the congressional delegation representing the
42 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States, and to the Federal Commu-
43 nications Commission.