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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR EXPEDITED WAIVER FILED BY CLUB FOR GROWTH AND PETITION FOR EXPEDITED DECLARATORY RULING FILED BY JOE SHIELDS

CG Docket No. 02-278

Comment Date: October 5, 2026

Reply Date: October 19, 2026

With this Public Notice, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau seeks comment on a request for expedited waiver filed by Club for Growth.¹ Specifically, Club for Growth seeks a limited waiver of section 64.1200(a)(1)(iii) of the Commission's rules and an exemption from section 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) of the Communications Act to allow calling parties to make noncommercial, political calls to wireless telephone numbers using an artificial or prerecorded voice – including an AI-generated voice – without obtaining prior express consent from the call recipient.²

We also seek comment on a petition for expedited declaratory ruling filed by Joe Shields.³ Specifically, Shields seeks a declaratory ruling “that a P2P system that uses a perfunctory human being for the sole purpose of clicking on a ‘send’ or similarly termed button to transmit thousands of text messages per hour is an autodialer under the TCPA.”⁴

We seek comment on these and any other issues raised by the petitions.

Filing procedures. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document in CG Docket No. 02-278. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.⁵
- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office

¹ See Petition of Club for Growth for Expedited Waiver, CG Docket No. 02-278 (filed Aug. 31, 2026). Although styled as a petition for expedited waiver, the petition also seeks an exemption. *Id.* at 5-6.

² *Id.* at 1. See 47 CFR § 64.1200(a)(1)(iii); 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

³ See Petition of Joe Shields for Expedited Declaratory Ruling, CG Docket No. 02-278 (filed May 21, 2026).

⁴ *Id.* at 3.

⁵ Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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Additional Information. For further information, contact Richard D. Smith of the Consumer Policy Division, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at Richard.Smith@fcc.gov.

⁶ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁷ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

⁸ *Id.* § 1.49(f).