

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

Re: *Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991*, CG
Docket No. 02-278.

Nearly five years ago the Commission in coordination with the Federal Trade Commission established the Do-Not-Call Registry that allowed consumers to put limits on the telemarketing calls they received. At the time, we made registrations valid for a finite period of time – five years – in order to allow the FCC to evaluate the program. My how time flies. June 2008 will mark five years and unless the Commission acts, in conjunction with the FTC, to make these registrations permanent, tens of millions of consumers will again be eligible for the constant barrage of unwanted telemarketing calls. This Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is the first step towards ensuring that we are able to make the registrations permanent. It tentatively concludes that the Commission should make registrations with the Do-Not-Call Registry permanent and it seeks comment on how best to implement the proposed change. Upon completion of such a rule change, consumers will not need to re-register nor take any further action in order to remain on the Do-Not-Call Registry. I am pleased the Commission does not ask consumers to take any further action in order to keep unwanted telemarketing calls in abeyance. I am pleased to support this item.