

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

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

In December 2007, I supported a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that tentatively concluded that the Commission should amend our rules to require telemarketers to indefinitely honor consumers' registrations with the Do Not Call Registry. The Commission's current rules established a five year registration period that was due to expire next month for tens of millions of consumers who signed up for, and have enjoyed the benefits of, the Do Not Call Registry since its inception in 2003. I am pleased to support the Commission's decision to amend our rules to make registrations indefinite as such a change comports with legislation enacted earlier this year, minimizes the inconvenience to consumers of having to re-register, and continues to protect consumers' privacy.