

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

Re: *Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991*, CG Docket 02-278.

The National Do-Not-Call Registry benefits millions of consumers on a daily basis, allowing them to once again view their phones as useful connections to the world rather than sources of unending harassment. For so many Americans, once they were signed up for the Registry, it was hard to imagine going back. Despite this success, the imminent fifth anniversary of the Do-Not Call Registry loomed not as a cause for celebration but as a ticking time bomb for consumers. That is because the registrations of roughly 10 million consumers were set to expire at the end of this month, with an estimated 50 million more set to expire over the next year. Responding to this threat, in February of this year, Congress passed the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act, which prohibited the automatic removal of telephone numbers from the Registry. So, I am pleased that we do our part today by implementing Congress's mandate in a timely fashion. As I have oft said, we must do everything within our power to maintain the vitality of the Registry as a tool to protect the privacy of American families, and I am glad that we do so here.