

Chair Manning, ranking member Celebrezze, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for allowing me to share my concerns regarding telemarketers practice known as "spoofing". In the past, telemarketers were just an annoyance and you could be put on the do not call list or block their phone numbers and it was a legitimate business. Now they have become aggressive and scammers who are trying to exploit people. You can no longer block their phone number because they just call back using a different number. I've tried being put on their do not call list, but that doesn't work. I have returned their calls and discovered I had reached a different phone number and that individual did not know anything about the business who used their number. This has become more than just an annoyance. When telemarketers can steal an individuals phone number to impersonate a real phone number, it has become a crime. Please consider bringing House Bill 597 to the Ohio House of Representatives

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