



November 19, 2019

The Honorable Jamie Callender  
Chairman, House Public Utilities Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Callender,

On behalf of the Ohio Telecom Association, which represents 41 telecommunications providers, two wireless providers and more than 100 associate member companies, I am writing today in support of HCR 12.

Through robocalling and call spoofing, fraudsters have been taking advantage of the most vulnerable members of our society. The telecommunications industry takes these attacks on the public very seriously. In fact, some OTA members have already stepped up to combat these fraudsters, by automatically blocking suspicious calls and offering customers free services that alert them to spam and help protect smartphone users from potential threats.

We are grateful that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has supported the efforts of private companies to protect Ohio's citizens and continue to encourage the FCC to give the companies the tools they need to better protect their customers from these fraudulent callers.

We join the Ohio General Assembly, via HCR 12, in urging Congress to pass legislation that will ensure that the FCC has the appropriate authority to quell unwanted robocalls and call spoofing. In addition, we support the Ohio legislature's call for the FCC to better educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect your constituents – our customers – from the scourge of robocall scams.

Sincerely,

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President, Ohio Telecom Association