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Re: Senate Bill 148

To Whom It May Concern:

When someone is involved in a crash, they must provide their personal information, often including their cell phone number, to the investigating authority. A crash report is then prepared by the investigating authority. Once complete the crash report becomes a public record. Profit motivated companies then take the victim's cell phone number and address from the crash report and unleash an onslaught of solicitations by way of text, phone call and mail. Under the current state of affairs, the crash victim is left powerless against this unwanted intrusion into their privacy.

We have had many clients tell us about calls from chiropractors, attorneys, and funding companies that are not only confusing, but downright dishonest. Clients have told us about instances where a chiropractor calls the injured parties, and tells the injured parties that if they treat with this chiropractor then they will never have any out of pocket expenses. We have even heard of instances where a chiropractor calls and tells the injured person that their insurance company has set up an appointment for them.

SB 148 gives accident victims the right to elect whether they want to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes.

Rinehardt Law Firm strongly supports SB 148 because Ohio citizens should not forfeit their right to privacy just because they had the misfortune of being in a roadway accident.

