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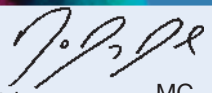
all Americans will have a choice to stop receiving telemarketing calls at home. This comes as welcome relief from those annoying calls that have interrupted us at dinnertime far too many times.



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# Now You Can Stop Those Annoying Calls

## Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart Helps Pass the National Do-Not Call List



### Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Representing the 25th  
District of Florida

Every consumer should have the power to say "no" to unwanted telemarketing calls. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart believes American families should be allowed to enjoy the dinner hour without being disturbed.

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart voted to pass the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to give millions of Americans access to precisely what they have been asking for – some peace and quiet at home. The national "do-not-call" list allows consumers to opt-out of telemarketing calls, making it illegal for telemarketers to call those telephone numbers listed on the registry.

### Summary of H.R. 395, the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act

- The House overwhelmingly passed the "Do-Not-Call Implementation Act" in February of 2003.
- In June of this year, Congress and the President answered the call of telemarketing victims everywhere by implementing the do-not-call registry, setting up phone numbers and an internet based sign up service for those choosing to be removed from telemarketers lists.
- Starting in October, telemarketers who call those telephone numbers listed on the registry could be fined up to \$11,000 per call.

Recent court challenges caused Congress and the President to pass the legislation again. The current outlook from the Federal Trade Commission is that court challenges will be resolved and the Do-Not-Call list will be fully enforced.

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