I support the Petition for Declaratory Ruling by Broadnet Teleservices, CG Docket No. 02-278, requesting the Telephone Consumer Protection Act be declared inapplicable to federal, state, and local governments when such calls are made for official purposes.

21st century communication happens electronically among all entities. The TCPA's consumer protections should not hinder efficient, cost-effective use of technology to communicate with citizens for official purposes, be it informing of situations, appointments, payment reminders, or other official business uses, particularly those of a transactional nature. Government cannot afford to be disallowed use of cost-efficient, practical technology in serving the public's interest.