

AG Fitch Fights Illegal Robocalls and Texts



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch joined a bipartisan coalition of 49 attorneys general urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to strengthen rules that would cut off scammers' access to legitimate telephone numbers. Without that access, scammers can't use real numbers to deceive and scam Americans. AG Fitch and the AG coalition asked the FCC to address this issue in 2021.

"Unsolicited robocalls and robotexts are too often a gateway to scams, and fraudsters are constantly looking to exploit loopholes in the law," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "We are working hard to protect consumers from these invasive, annoying, and potentially dangerous calls and texts, and we need a strong federal partner to stand strong with us."

Scammers used to primarily "spoof" other people's phone numbers to make it look like a call was coming from a legitimate company or government agency. But action by state attorneys general and the federal government made it harder for scammers to engage in illegal spoofing. Now, scammers often purchase legitimate phone numbers and use them to make robocalls. Scammers may cycle through millions of brand new phone numbers, which helps them avoid detection by spam filters. In one representative case, scammers made more than 17.3 million calls on a single day through one phone company, but rarely used the same number more than twice.

Last year, Americans received approximately 29.6 billion scam robocalls and texts and lost nearly \$2 billion to these scams. Just since January 1, 2026, the Attorney General's Office has sent 173 tracebacks and 61 subpoenas, resulting in 60 robocallers being terminated. The Attorney General rolled out a new and improved no-call complaint and enforcement mechanism earlier this year as part of the [AGO in Action app](#), available for free download on both Apple and Android devices.

In their letter to the FCC, the AGs also asked the agency to:

- Require every company authorized to purchase and resell phone numbers in North America to meet stronger certification rules and share how and to whom they are assigning numbers.
- Require companies to submit regular reports about the sale and use of numbers, so law enforcement can trace illegal robocalls back to the source and hold all the

companies in the call path accountable for selling or transmitting numbers used to conduct illegal robocalls.

- Block the sale of phone numbers to entities that aren't tied to a calling or texting service.
- Prohibit number cycling, which is when an entity buys lots of numbers and then uses them on a rotating, sometimes single-use basis to avoid being detected by tools that flag numbers used to make illegal robocalls.
- Restrict the offering of trial numbers.

Attorney General Fitch was joined by the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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