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Public Hearing Scheduled on Robocalls

We all know the feeling of rushing to our ringing phones only to discover that we have been robocalled. Often times this happens with a number that is only available in our local areas, making us believe that it is a local business or even a loved one.

This last year, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection (DATCP) reported robocalls as their number one consumer complaint. Secretary Pfaff was in our office recently and reaffirmed that their office receives numerous complaints on this issue. The Federal Trade Commission even reported that consumers receive over one billion illegal robocalls every year. This is not surprising as even I have received numerous robocalls, often within a few hours of each other.

It's especially scary to know that many elderly folks are easily scammed over these phone calls. Many times these callers will pretend to be from the IRS, the utility company or even the police.

As the Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection I am happy to say that I will be holding a public hearing on Assembly Bill 147 on May 9th in the North Hearing Room of the Capitol Building.

This bill, authored by Rep. Sanfelippo (R-New Berlin) and Senator Kooyenga (R-Brookfield), would make displaying a false number which is otherwise known as 'spoofing' illegal in Wisconsin. Even Attorney General Josh Kaul has publically supported this bill.

I encourage anyone who interested in speaking for or against this bill to attend the public hearing and to express your opinion to the committee.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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