

U.S. Rep. Kind: Votes to protect Wisconsinites from scams and put a stop to bad robocalls

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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ron Kind voted for the bipartisan Stopping Bad Robocalls Act, which would implement a nationwide caller authentication system, free for consumers, so they can again trust that the number they see on their caller ID is actually the person calling them. It would also give law enforcement and the Federal Communications Commission critical tools, information, and incentives to go after robocallers that break the law. Rep. Kind is a cosponsor of the bill.

“Every day Wisconsinites’ phones ring with robocalls aimed at scamming folks out of money or stealing their identity,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “This is a common-sense, bipartisan approach that will protect consumers, hold those who break the law accountable, and get rid of an everyday nuisance.”

Last year, an estimated 47.8 billion robocalls were placed nationwide, an increase of 17 billion calls over the previous year. Supporters of Stopping Bad Robocalls Act include: Consumer Reports, AARP, Verizon, Charter Communications, National Consumer Law Center, and Consumer Federation of America.