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Dear Attorney General Ellison,

It has been brought to the Republican Party of Minnesota's attention from many voters in the Seventh Congressional District that the Noel Collis for Congress is illegally using automatic dialing-announcing devices to make "robo-calls" to Republican voters in advance of Tuesday's August 11th primary election.

Due to this wanton disregard for Minnesota law, the Republican Party of Minnesota has filed a complaint with the Minnesota Attorney General's office.

During the week of August 2nd, numerous Republican voters were contacted by the Noel Collis for Congress Committee via message by an automatic dialing-announcing device. The recipients of these calls had not knowingly or voluntarily requested, consented to, permitted, or authorized receipt of the message, nor were the messages immediately preceded by a live operator who obtained the subscriber's consent before the message was delivered. Additionally, these calls engaged in a single ring with an attempt to push straight to voicemail.

The prohibition on robo-calling in Minnesota state law is very clear. Minnesota Statutes 325E.27 states:

325E.27 USE OF PRERECORDED OR SYNTHESIZED VOICE MESSAGES.

(a) A caller shall not use or connect to a telephone line an automatic dialing-announcing device unless: (1) the subscriber has knowingly or voluntarily requested, consented to, permitted, or authorized receipt of the message; or (2) the message is immediately preceded by a live operator who obtains the subscriber's consent before the message is delivered.

We have sent the Collis Campaign a formal cease and desist letter and we request that your office looks into this illegal activity.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Becky Alery
Executive Director, Republican Party of Minnesota