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Legislation would put names on robo-calls

Rep. William Tong of the 147th District has joined fellow Stamford Democrats Christel Truglia and Gerald Fox in introducing legislation to force a change in political robo-calls.

"Over the last several years, my neighbors and I have been subjected to abusive use of political robo-calls," Rep. Tong said in a press release. "I've been most disappointed and annoyed to receive calls that are misleading, or purely political attack calls. With this bill we are not completely banning robo-calls, though we are trying to instill some accountability for them."

Robo-calling is a practice of using automated telephone solicitation through automatic dialing. According to the preliminary language of the bill, all political robo-calls would have to begin with a statement from a candidate in his or her own voice: "I am (candidate's name), and I approve this automated call."

The bill was officially submitted Thursday, February 7.

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