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## **GREGG LAUDS SENATE VOTE TO CAN UNWANTED EMAIL**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today joined a unanimous U.S. Senate in voting to grant the Federal Trade Commission the authority to punish the senders of mass commercial emails, or “spam”, once the recipient has expressed a desire to no longer receive such messages. The measure is similar to the federal “Do Not Call” list approved by Congress earlier this fall which blocks telemarketers and other direct marketing phone calls. The Senate approved the measure, S. 877, this evening by a vote of 97-0.

Senator Gregg stated, “The exponential increase in unwanted commercial email over the last few years has become a tremendous waste of time for the nearly 140 million Americans who regularly use the Internet to email. It has become nearly impossible to purchase a product from a retailer’s website or subscribe to services offered over the Internet without having your email address bombarded by countless solicitations – and much like its namesake, the contents of unopened electronic spam are often questionable, making them unsuitable for younger users. Mass quantities of spam can dramatically slow down the speed of computers and frustrate and annoy even the most patient people. I am pleased to see Congress take the appropriate steps to create a system where emailers can be pro-active to ensure the elimination of unwanted email.

“With Senate action today, the only place you will find spam is in a can.”

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