# STOPPING Abusive Debt Collection

### OPERATION Collection Protection

The largest-ever collection of enforcement actions against abusive debt collectors



more than 115 actions



#### The FTC gets more complaints about debt collection than any other industry.



# the FTC has:

Sued more than 250 debt collectors for breaking the law

Secured **judgments** totaling nearly \$350 MILLION

#### Banned 86 debt collectors from the industry

# T'S IL EGAL

## FOR DEBT COLLECTORS TO:



lie about your debt, who they are, or what happens if you don't pay



harass or threaten you

tell anyone about your debt

# Debt collectors have to send you a written notice about your debt



Did a debt collector break the law? Tell the FTC: 1-877-FTC-HELP ftc.gov/complaint

Learn more at ftc.gov/debtcollection