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I am thoroughly against any kind of spyware. It is an invasion of my privacy and tantamount to someone breaking into my home and going through my personal files and stealing information. I work from home and I spend too much of my valuable time having to remove these unauthorized programs from my computer. Time and resources are being stolen from me and lessening my ability of earning taxable income. On the morning of April 8th I ran two different programs that detected 150 spyware programs and cookies on my computer. After removing them I continued my daily business activities. By the end of the day I ran the programs again and 97 spyware programs and cookies were detected after only 8 hours. It is relentless.

I have on my computer email addresses that I have yet to give out or use to send mail but I am increasingly starting to get emails sent to me at those addresses addressing me by my real name. I get over 800 junk emails daily.

Additionally, the threat of identity theft through spyware is very real. I have just learned that I have been victimized.

If law enforcement and other government agencies are limited by laws of due process from this kind of behavior I don't see why any citizen should have to tolerate it from private businesses.

Thank you for your time.

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