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Dear FTC:

I would like to state for the record that adware and spyware have no business on my computer without my consent or knowlegde! It is a blatant invasion of privacy to say the least.

I find spyware/adware to be more of a problem than SPAM. What most politicians/lawmakers have failed to understand is that removal of spyware/adware can disable a person's Internet access. I find it HIGHLY heinous and criminal that if I find spyware/adware on my computer and use programs designed to remove the junk, such removal could very well render the Internet inaccessible -- these programs intricately entwine themselves in the base level operating systems of computers, changing the registry files.

That scenario actually happened to me. MY money bought the computer. MY money pays for Internet access. MY money pays to have my web site hosted online. NOBODY has the right to disrupt services that I pay for simply because I remove their illegal "wares" from my PC which they installed without my knowledge or consent. I would think that such interference with my rights is grounds for a lawsuit against the spyware/adware manufacturers, since removal of their "wares" that they secretly install on MY PC obstructs my civil and constitutional rights. Such interference could be detrimental to a person's livelihood. And if it happens again, I could very well sue every co. whose spyware/adware is found on my computer.

And the offensive ads that have popped up on my computer (before I fixed that secret invasion of my PC) were HIGHLY unacceptable. This was due to some adware that had somehow downloaded to my PC. I found the "thonged-butt, sex on the kitchen counter, whipped cream & cherry topped breasts" popups VERY offensive. I have never visited such sites and never will. (I am the only user of my PC so no one else has used my computer to visit those sites, either.) NO ONE should have the right to put such offensive visuals in my face on my computer when I simply surf the web, because they are somehow "serving ads" based on some adware secretly and illegally installed on my computer.

To me, spyware & adware are illegally placed on my computer, they conduct illegal invasion of my privacy, and they illegally obstruct my pursuit of happiness and business dealings by disabling my Internet access if I remove the programs from my computer. Spyware & adware are ILLEGAL any way you look at them.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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