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I hope that the Federal government will act soon to restrict spyware and adware. I am on the do not call list, to protect myself from aggressive telemarketers. I've given explicit permission to those few companies that I DO want to call me. All of that was quite easy to do. But giving myself an equally flexible protection from spyware/adware would, I believe, be much harder. I could set my computer to reject all cookies, but then I'd lose the convenience of being remembered by those websites that I return to for repeat business.

I understand that some spyware is not deliberately destructive, and that it just collects web surfing trend information anonymously. But even that relatively harmless type interferes with the reliable operation of my computer and invades my privacy. I run a spyware-removal program frequently to try to minimize the number of spyware-related crashes I experience.

I am emphatically in favor of severe restrictions on spam, spyware, and adware.

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