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I would like to voice my opinion about spyware and adware being forced into my computer. I'm a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, so I spent my share of time fighting for other people's rights. Even tho, by the time I arrived in Vietnam, it was becoming evident that those people didn't care whether they were Communist or a Democracy, all most of them wanted was the right to go out into their rice paddies and grow enough food to survive.

Who is going to fight for my freedom to choose what is downloaded into my hard drives? The adware companies have millions to spend on lawyers to defend their so-called "Freedom" to RAM their uncalled for ads into our computers, whether we like it or not. When someone or some entity uses their freedom to deprive another of their freedom, that's a crime!!

I've personally spent over \$1000 on firewalls and antivirus Programs, and spyware programs over the past year, and every time I buy a new anti- program, their programmers develop a new way to get around all the software I have running on my computer.

I think I have the right to have an e-mail address for my personal use, without having my address spread around to all the advertising companies like a cheap whore's phone number.

As an example, I recently bought a software program called "Kazaa Plus". Kazaa is a pretty decent file sharing program, it's main drawback is all the downloading of so much adware to offset the cost of the service. I understand that, and if I want the program, I'm ready to accept the bad parts too. BUT, when I bought the "Plus" program, it was advertised as "Ad and Banner Free". The program loaded 180 adware and spyware cookies and programs the first day. When I e-mailed and complained, they responded with a downright lie about how their program didn't download the stuff, but maybe one of the third party programs bundled with their program might have and that was beyond their control. With that statement, they are openly stating that they don't care if their ad was a lie, they had my money, so what? They have complete control over what gets bundled with their software. Nobody sells a product and then just leaves a door open for anyone to add junk to it, thats not good business practices.

Since you represent the government, you are supposed to be representing me, and millions more American citizens, not the Corporations who are constantly trying to get us to buy something we don't need.

And, I'm still getting spammed on my home phone, after listing all my numbers with your anti-spam over the phone line thing back in November. When are you gonna start fining them for their continued abuse of our phone service?

The bottom line is; You represent us, start representing us!!

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