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thank you for taking the time to read this email

I feel that i am a prisoner of spyware....

I purchased the computer and pay monthly internet access fees so that my family and i can connect with the world for email, online shopping, research, school work, etc.

Then my computer is taken over by spyware that makes the internet a virtual minefield... the other day, i tried to enter my name, address, credit card info, etc., for online purchase...this took almost 10 minutes to do because of all the popups that kept coming up on my browser...

this is an invasion of privacy, no matter how you look at it...these spammers claim they have the right to advertise to potential consumers just like tv and radio.....xxxxx....no tv station or radio station has ever entered my home and modified my system to control what i have to watch or listen to, nor have they connected any device that monitors what i watch or listen to...

these spyware companies have scripts that write to hard drives and change your computers settings (such as search pages and home pages) most often without the consumers knowledge and report back to these companies at given intervals to tell them where you have been on the internet and who you have been talking to via email....

and i have no control over it, cannot change the station like with radio and tv and did certainly not request credit card offers, vacations, pornography subscriptions, insurance or any of the useless wares they attempt to peddle....my only recourse is to reformat my computer and lose all the info contained therein, only to be infected again when someone unknowingly visits a site or checks email....

they violate my right to privacy and its time someone in the FTC puts a stop to it!!!!
like stephen urquhart UTAH says.... i am not a consumer here, i am a victim!!