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Dear FTC, Spyware and Adware are as big a problem for PC users as Spam and virus's, viri, whatever. I'm a fairly advanced user, with excellent firewall and Anti-virus programs, but just yesterday, I was attacked by something called "iSearch", which took over my browser toolbar, and wouldn't be removed. This persistent pest didn't show up on the 'add or remove programs' list, wasn't in the registry by that name, and wasn't detected by any of my security software, or by PC Pitstop's analyzer. Right-clicking on the Explorer toolbars only yeilded 1 option, and that was "Text Labels", and so it wouldn't display the 'Customize', or 'Preferences' options normally available. I was finally able to remove it by downloading a thing called SpyHunter, and it found this annoying thing, and removed it. This was about a two-hour project, two wasted hours of productivity, or pleasure, and I still don't know how it installed itself ?

I have had several crashes caused by similar invasive programs, and have had to sweep my hard-drive, and rebuild my machine as a result. I consider Spyware, Adware, and HomePage ware as big an invasion of privacy, as if the Cable TV, Phone Company, or any Public Utility just walked into my house and began altering my services at will.

Please pass some legislation to outlaw these types of software, and to punish those who create these destructive programs.
Thank You for prompt action against these parasites !

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