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To The FTC,

I am dumbfounded at the recent discovery that the FTC is allowing adware and spyware to continue to be a problem in American and other countries homes. I, being a new potential business owner and would ultimately profit if I knew what people were buying and interested in, would love the opportunity to know these things... but at the cost of the consumers, NO WAY! Don't you realize that people are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to protect and fix their computers from these harboring viruses and spyware programs? The AVERAGE cost of spyware and adware programs have caused me problems nearing \$1000 yearly. Many people cannot afford these problems, not to mention they do not know how to get rid of them, and are quickly getting discouraged with computers and buying on the internet because their personal and financial information is being STOLEN! You cannot control these pirates, do not act like you can, and please, do not try! They only multiply and steal. This is illegal in any other profession. Don't you realize that by letting them put their little spies in our computers they are putting tracking devices on us without our express permission. You do not want to allow that to happen. You do not allow someone to put a tracking device on our cars, so that they can see where we go. We do not allow people to steal from us and we don't allow anyone to make money off of our personal information. With so many consumers getting ripped off, and spending so much of their hard earned money on preventing this kind of act on their computers... by letting these people do this you are causing us to spend more money on the software to prevent this.... when does it end? Consumers are going broke on everything needed to prevent, protect, invest, and use for their computers that it is hurting their spending of necessary things LIKE ELECTRICITY! Wouldn't it be nice to just prevent this from happening and create a peaceful existence online for people. It is bad enough that we have those crazies out there creating these viruses that hurt our computers illegally... do you have to go and let them steal and make money off of us legally? We need the money! It is only right that we make the money off of ourselves! We can provide the information to them via surveys. Or they can put their spyware and adware as long as they send us a check! They pay those adware and spyware people lots of money to get information from us illegally... we could use that money to buy the necessary virus protection and with the high cost of electricity and gas these days, you could help us out! Do the right thing and prevent those adware and spyware companies from STEALING! It is illegal to steal... look up the word in any dictionary: To take without consent!

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