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To Whom it may concern,

Spyware nearly destroyed a friend of mine's computer the other day...it was nearly impossible to get rid of..was wreaking havock on his computer, and did not have his permission to be installed in his computer. I have had this happen also. Besides the fact that it really messes up your computers functioning and can destroy a computer it is an invasion of privacy. The same as someone breaking into a home is against the law, so should spyware be against the law..my computer is my private domain and I think I have a right to expect privacy..and not to have anyone..anything put inside my computer that I did not ask for..in a sense it's basically the same as hacking..an uninvited presence has invaded my privacy and is giving out information about me. Spyware..adware..whatever you choose to call it should be illegal and punishable by law. And many programs come with so called "bundles" that have adware.spyware in them..sometimes they don't tell you that and when they do it's in very fine print. There should be a law if it continues to remain legal for them to do that, that it should say right up front in big bold letters "THIS PROGRAM COMES BUNDLED WITH ADWARE" Spyware needs to be stopped!

Thank you Marilyn O'Bannon