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To Whom It May Concern,

Spyware and Adware are one of the leading causes of PC malfunction and cluttered harddrives. The personal computer is private property. Any product that attacks and damages another person's private property shall have no legal protection, so I do not see how a lawyer could possibly defend its use. The rights to privacy and property are both expressed and implied in the constitution, but the right to violent attacks on personal property in the interest of adverstisement and monetary gain is not. This excludes the fact that most Adware and Spyware have little value as advertisement because they are simply deleted when found, and people are less willing to buy a product that is so underhandedly advertised. Adware and Spyware are no more than clever names for computer viruses which have a specific purpose in addition to simply causing damage to other people's computer systems. Computer virus developers and distributers are aggressively tracked down and punished for their crimes and I feel the makers and distributers of Adware and Spyware should be treated in the same manner.