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To whom it may concern:

This is a letter addressing my utter disdain for the spyware and to a much lesser degree that of adware programming.

I think [as opposed to feel] that these programs are AN INVASION INTO MY HOME WITHOUT PERMISSION NOR WELCOME.

I say this as my computer while connected to the internet, remains my sole property - and anyone who enters without my expressed informed permission is trespassing. In Texas we are allowed to defend ourselves against home invasion, but how does this apply to spyware? How do I defend my operating system from some thief who invades my hard drive and steals my resources - that are to run my legitimate programming?

How can I strike back in kind when I am unawares of the target?

I declare my public opinion on this type of invasion as TERRORISM. I would retaliate in kind for the HOURS and DOLLARS spent to combat this attack on me and thousands of other VICTIMS.

In closing, I state that the FCC as a representative of the PEOPLE of the United States of America [and NOT solely as the representative of the communications companies] have the sworn and or declared DUTY as our protectors to eradicate this abuse of the Internet, and the vulnerability of our homes to this blatant theft of any information pertaining to myself and any and all of my family.

In short, I will bluntly state that the FCC must do its job: if a Federal Lawsuit must be filed, and individuals be brought to trial, then so be it.

If any of YOU were these victims, your willingness [apparently a willingness] to allow such out and out spying on a private citizen to occur is a dereliction of your function as the FCC.

Sincerely yours,

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