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How Ironic. I've been working for the last 18 hours on trying to remove spyware from my computer (which I received from visiting a web site, and did not download it, it did it on it's own) and the first email I get is from PC Pitstop and this article about spyware. I have been so upset by this incident of the spyware on my computer. It is wrong, and an invasion of my PERSONNEL computer. Why should anyone be able to install their software on my PERSONNEL computer without my consent?? It makes my PC run slower, it lets ads pop up with every web site I visit, and god knows what PERSONNEL information stored on my PERSONNEL computer it is taking and sending to god knows where. I'm thankful I have Norton anti-Virus and Systemworks installed (with my permission and doing) on my PERSONNEL computer because even with it's help, it has still taken 18 hours to get rid of the spyware by finding it, deleting it, going through the registry, which is like a foreign language to me, and deleting the values in it, and for what, so this can happen again!!

Please pass whatever laws it takes to stop spyware. It is an invasion of privacy, and just a total pain in the butt. I feel sorry for the people who don't have a product like Norton and or novice computer owners who don't even have a clue that something has invaded their own PERSONNEL property. We wouldn't allow a stranger to come into our houses and collect what ever he wanted whenever he wanted. Why should we allow it to happen in cyberspace? OK, I'm done rambling. It's just been a bad 18 hours. I hope to have the rest of this spyware uninstalled from my PC in the next few hours.

Thanks for reading. Mark