From: widget Posted At: Monday, April 19, 2004 6:18 AM Posted To: spywareworkshop2004 Conversation: Before you Legislate, INVESTIGATE. Please! Subject: Before you Legislate, INVESTIGATE. Please!

Dear Sir, Ma'am,

This is a second email. I am begging you, as a citizen, learn before you legislate, it is imperative in this case, with Adware and Spyware.

This fight with Adware and Spyware is not even your main fight needing attention- the present fight is primarily of importance as a first step towards re-establishing a useful internet, or Web. Yes, it IS that bad!

There is an unthinkable lack of security on the Internet. There are ways to learn, fight, this problem, but you must use the vehicle to fix itself, that is, use the internet to diagnose itself. This is not magic, it only takes a legislative person to pay attention, and, okay, spend an hour, a day, setting up a chatroom ...any public place... people will come and find you. The internet problem is worse than you can imagine. Notice I am not wasting your time telling you how I destroyed MY life by trusting the internet and contacts therefrom. What is important here is matters of State and National Security- the integrity of the Internet.

How To learn: Get people to help you for free, outside washington, online, ie, in a online, national chatroom, average users.

Usually you can let the chatroom participants govern themselves, thereby making this entire discovery venture free of cost, and very fast. Take care not to reveal your plan, and that means, dont even use email (after this) to talk about it- because there will be intense financial gains to having the information you as a legislator must gain to make intelligent legislation. As for me, dont tell me if youre going to do anything.

Its important to understand how to gain information from people, by not letting them know how important the answers are to you until after you have obtained the answers. This is one small rule atop a pile of others, but they are all simple and common-sense.

I am very worried Legislative Bodies are too removed from the nuts and bolts of PC computers to even approach how much danger their own families are in, owing to the intolerable, unthinkable, insecurity existing today on the internet, or the "web".

Get thousands of people to come to whatever reputable website you ask to host the chatroom. Designate certain times for the users of the chatroom to come and ask you questions, bring problems to you, ie, a forum online. Just build it in plain view and they will come... millions must be seeing just as clearly as I that the internet is going downhill because the expertise of the exploiters (adware, spyware, antivirus, firewall, all the manufacturers too) far surpasses the average user on the internet.

Post the answers to your opinion poll online in or near the chatrooms. Have the same people check each others opinions, Once the two days have passed, let the computer divide out, deduct, those opinions that are seen as poor quality, keep those that are good, watch the opinions that are most-seen as well stated or clear, or comprehensive, and there is your answer.

Millions of people experiencing the same thing online, willing to strike out at those invading their computer, home, minds, time. Take advantage of us, the U.S..

How to prove the problem is real and severe (adware and spyware, spamware) : Buy a bank of cheap computers, any PC type, in good condition, new, or good used operating ones. Rent em if you know how.

Let these computers be as similar as possible as far as speed, ram, internet connection.

Operate all these computers, browse the internet, and then all computers have the same search terms in the search engine, ie, "apple pie" or the word "the". Browse the same websites with each computer, same way. You might do this by renting an office in some city, letting people see it as a cybercafe-but your cybercafe, beyond making money, also makes note of intrusive programs, ad, spy, spam.

Measure, graph, take note, somehow document how long it takes before a computer stops working due to infestation of adware, spyware, other virus worm trojan, tens of thousands of them.

Run the usual detectors- on all machines. Document what is removed, at what time, in a database.

Repeat.

Clean out computer hard drives, start over. do all the above again. Document.

Then you will know just how bad things are on the internet. Always on internet connections without protection have several attempts per day to infest, even if they are not used at all! (one of a hundred examples of hazard online)

It is much like the interstate highways in the USA, web pagews are addresses in the USA. Whenever one gets off the main interstate, the condition of the "streets" are such that it could be likened to tens of thousands of bums, but only a couple hundred at each "exit" from the interstate, but they are at almost every "exit" (home page) but certain "exits" (microsoft.com google.com) there are only a dozen bums all clamoring for your attention and control of your computer and control over who knows where you have been lately on the interstate, or throwing a heavy rock into your car, so that you dont see it, but before you have gone by 50 "exits" your "car" (computer) is so heavy with rocks (unwanted programs) that the car cannot carry itself down the road (web) anymore!.

Of course, the thousands of bums that are asking for money, and nothing else, should be left alone. It is the ones with icepicks for your tires to be flattened, tacks on the ground, oil for the windshield, rocks for your trunk, that should be stopped.

If you have direct questions, I have direct answers, including "I dont know" but please, investigate, check, its easy to do, just use the internet to diagnose the internet.

If you dont understand, Please Ask.

Thanks Citizen, not in any business, disabled, at home, wanting to help.

"Mark Knightson"