

**Final Comments to the  
Federal Trade Commission on  
Unsolicited Commercial Email**

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From June 12th to July 11th, Americans from around the country listened to the audio broadcast of the FTC's Consumer Privacy Online workshop on unsolicited commercial email and subsequently submitted their comments on the issue through a world wide web page. During this month, 874 people listened to the audio transcript which doesn't even include the several hundred people who listened to it live.

During this time, over 90 people chose to submit their own comments to the FTC through our web page. The remainder of this document contains those comments, their existence made possible only by the inexpensive access that the Internet afforded them to be able to listen to the workshop (for free) and then submit their comments (also for free).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Federal Trade Commission for their support in helping us put this event online, and making democracy more accessible to Americans.

Sincerely,

Shabbir J. Safdar  
Co-creator, democracy.net

Jonah Seiger  
Co-creator, democracy.net

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City:miller

State:missouri

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Written submission:

dear sirs,

my comment is simply this: spam does  
hurt people when it clogs mailboxes and  
keeps people from receiving important  
personal email.

sincerely, alice e. robbins

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Written submission:

Allowing the marketers to regulate themselves will not work.If you take the iemmc for an example, their removal list does not work. Submitting a request to be removed from all their mailing lists seems to result in more junk-mail.In our country (UK) we have a law which governs the use of unsolicited mail. If you wish to be removed from the mailer's list and request to be removed, it is illegal for them to continue mailing to you.This of course is only covering the 'nuisance' aspect of the mail.With e-mail, the recipient is paying to receive the mail.Of all the unsolicited commercial e-mail (UCE) I have received over the last 12 months (which amount to hundreds), only one has come from outside of the USA.Not only are the UCEs annoying people around the world, but they are also spreading a bad impression of America and America's commerce across the whole world.To sum up, I believe that if e-mail is to survive as an effective communication medium, users need to be protected by some form of legislation against people using UCE to market their products. If companies refuse to remove e-mail addresses from their lists they should be liable to be fined.If the use of removal lists is considered, there must be protection against companies using these removal lists to form new mailing lists.

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Written submission:

I would just like to point out that, among other reasons less responsible, I have recently left the America Online service because each day I found my "mailbox" contained 25 to 30 pieces of "spam" or "junk email" that I had to sort through just to see if any of it was mail from friends or associates. Now, I am beginning to receive the same sorts of mail through my ISP account, which should be totally private. In both these cases, some advertiser was taking resources for which \*I\* pay the cost and sending me information that I, at the least, did not want, and at the worst, found highly offensive due to content. Please, apply the same standards applied to the use of "junk faxes" to electronic mail. While there may be no paper or ink involved, the practice is equally wasteful of my time and just as costly to my wallet.

Thank you for your time and efforts

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from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
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State:MD

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Written submission:

To stop e-mail would be an infringement on the right of free speech.

I dont particularly like it but you cant blame people like Global Internet Marketing  
because they do it. AOL does it to its own members every day when  
you sign on to AOL or try to get on the internet. Its trying  
to monopolize the market.

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Name:blank blank.com

City:blank.com

State:com

Contact email address:blank@blank.com

Written submission:

Would it be difficult to force/make law for junk emailer to put in the beginning of their email's "subject" a notice, such as "junk mail - rest of subject follow"? I think it should be up to the reader to delete any messages it received or to continue to read them. Junk email is not much different then junk mail itself. I throw most of my junk mail away after seeing the envelope, without bothering to read the content. People could do the same after reading their email's subject, which indicated it as junk email. Anycase, most of today's email software could be set to download only the subject line of their email from the server, therefore cutting the amount of time the user spend online. User could then scan through the downloaded subject, then delete whichever ones it choose.

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Name:Linda Schrigner  
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State:TX  
Contact email address:cathari@metronet.com  
Written submission:  
A junk mailer's free speech stops where my choice begins.

1. Make it illegal to give email addresses to third parties without consent of the owner.
2. Make it illegal for junk mailers, including their robot email systems, to send bulk mail without a true auto-reply address. 9 out of ten so-called "remove" address instructions are bogus, placing double duty on the receiver and the internet.
3. When a respondent says "get my name off" they should be responsible to respect the wishes of anyone who finds their address on a bulk list without their consent.
4. Bulk email should be targeted to the audience and not sent just to any available address.
5. ISP's should be required to provide their hosts with a way of bouncing back all undesirable email--with a real sender's address. This can be done with a program where the host can do the filtering. It isn't enough to send it to the trash, it should be sent back to a real sender's address--so that they will be careful in the future who they mail to. A few times of getting their mass mailings back in their own email box with requests for removal should clean it up really quick.

As it is, not only can I not get off an undesirable email list, I cannot tell the source sender NOT to write to me--it's my choice not to be "accosted" by anyone, and it's unfair I cannot tell them to "refrain". Even when a message instructs to "type in REMOVE" and so on, I have done this and repeatedly gotten it bounced back 9 times out of 10--so that not only do I have to spend time and effort on the piece when I get it, when it's bounced back, I have to spend time again--and so does the system.

BTW, a new cheating trick of bulk mailers is to con unsuspecting individuals to do their emailing for them, using the individual's email address. This way, they can claim in some way, that anyone



requesting removal from the source of the list does remove--but not from the lists of the individual dupped to do the mailing separately.

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Name: Charles D. Laderoute (aka JOWazzoo)  
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State: MA  
Contact email address: [cdl@concentric.net](mailto:cdl@concentric.net)

Written submission:

I have received over 500 unsolicited bulk email from members of the IEMMC since Jan. 1, 1997. I have repeatedly sent Remove requests to each and every one. Neither Cyberpromo nor its customers nor Quantcom.com nor its customers honor Remove requests even when you follow all of the instructions that they give.

Here is a copy of my most recent complaint:

This was sent on June 10, 1997

To: [admin@NET-WWORTH.COM](mailto:admin@NET-WWORTH.COM), [abuse@NET-WWORTH.COM](mailto:abuse@NET-WWORTH.COM), [root@NET-WWORTH.COM](mailto:root@NET-WWORTH.COM), [postmaster@NET-WWORTH.COM](mailto:postmaster@NET-WWORTH.COM), [wallace@auto2.cybermirror1.com](mailto:wallace@auto2.cybermirror1.com), [cyberpr@auto2.cybermirror1.com](mailto:cyberpr@auto2.cybermirror1.com), [wallace@auto-relay3.cybermirror1.com](mailto:wallace@auto-relay3.cybermirror1.com), [private2@spamford.com](mailto:private2@spamford.com), [root@spamford.com](mailto:root@spamford.com), [abuse@agis.net](mailto:abuse@agis.net), [domreg@CYBERPROMO.COM](mailto:domreg@CYBERPROMO.COM), [admin@iemmc.org](mailto:admin@iemmc.org), [root@iemmc.org](mailto:root@iemmc.org), [feedback@iemmc.org](mailto:feedback@iemmc.org)  
cc: [abuse@juno.com](mailto:abuse@juno.com), [francis@LCGM.COM](mailto:francis@LCGM.COM), [abuse@lcfgm.com](mailto:abuse@lcfgm.com), [root@lcfgm.com](mailto:root@lcfgm.com), [postmaster@lcfgm.com](mailto:postmaster@lcfgm.com), [noc@LCGM.COM](mailto:noc@LCGM.COM), [abuse@compuserve.com](mailto:abuse@compuserve.com), [marc@PUBLIC.Com](mailto:marc@PUBLIC.Com), [abuse@public.com](mailto:abuse@public.com), [root@public.com](mailto:root@public.com), [staff@quantcom.com](mailto:staff@quantcom.com), [abuse@iemmc.org](mailto:abuse@iemmc.org), [abuse@cyberpromo.com](mailto:abuse@cyberpromo.com), [AR-HET@wwworth.com](mailto:AR-HET@wwworth.com)  
Subject: Re: Amazing Results!-CEASE & DESIST

You got screwed when you bought the mail list - I am neither an AOL user nor would I ever purchase anything from a Spammer.

REMOVE [CDL@concentric.net](mailto:CDL@concentric.net) from any and all databases. Official request.  
Cease & Desist.

You are receiving this email because your system was identified in the mail headers, as a return response address, or hosting a web page advertized in this manner. This may be based on Whois, NSLookUp, TraceRoute Dig or other tools.

If you have received this by mistake due to forged information in headers, please make note of the use of your system name in the headers and take appropriate action.

To sender: I always respond to Unsolicited Commercial or bulk email (UCE & UBE). Do not send me unsolicited email and I will not reply to you. I GUARANTEE it.

>Return-Path: <05954631@juno.com>

Received: from mail.lcgm.com (root@eggo.lcgm.com [208.197.13.15])  
by beasley.concentric.net (8.8.5/(97/05/27 5.9))  
id MAA21210; Tue, 10 Jun 1997 12:07:46 -0400 (EDT)  
[1-800-745-2747 The Concentric Network]

X-UIDL: 865958901.000

From: <05954631@juno.com>

Errors-To: <05954631@juno.com>

Received: from 208.197.13.15 (ad09-001.compuserve.com [199.174.136.1])  
by mail.lcgm.com (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id MAA06192;  
Tue, 10 Jun 1997 12:04:38 -0400

Date: Tue, 10 Jun 97 10:59:57 EST

To: Friend@public.com

Subject: Amazing Results!

Message-ID: <>

Reply-To: no@reply!.com

Status: U

At 10:59 AM 6/10/97 EST, you wrote:

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>Hello AOL Subscriber.

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>My name is Stefan Hettich:

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>You obviously know how to use Email....

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>QUESTION--

>What if YOU could earn... an Immediate, Substantial \$5,000 - \$10,000+

>Monthly Income... In As Little As 45-90 Days? And all it took was a

>coachable team player...with a small one-time, tax-deductible capital

>outlay -- using your PC and email and a few free hours a week?

>

>I'm not talking about the elusive dream of residual income in Network

>Marketing. This is NOT MLM! NOT a Chain Letter or other Online Scam!

>I'm truly earning MUCH more every week than I ever before earned

>monthly chasing success in other programs!

>  
>What is it that I and so many others are doing?  
>  
>===><A HREF="http://www.net-wwworth.com/MONEY.html">CLICK HERE NOW to  
FIND OUT!</A>  
>  
>  
>Seriously, if I can do this, ANYONE can. What if you do even better  
>than I am? Visit my web-site and check out my autoresponder message!  
>Best of success to you, and thanks for your time.  
>  
>Sincerely,  
>Stefan Hettich  
>  
> =====  
> Stefan Hettich  
> VISIT WEBSITE for DETAILS===><A  
HREF="http://www.net-wwworth.com/MONEY.html">CLICK HERE NOW!</A>  
> Autoresponder... Earn Thousands Weekly on the NET!!!  
> <A HREF="mailto:AR-HET@wwworth.com">FREE REPORT Download  
Here!</A>  
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Whois info for NET-WWWORTH.COM

Net Wworth Strategies (NET-WWWORTH-DOM)  
4514 Monona Drive Suite 490  
Madison, WI 53716  
USA

Domain Name: NET-WWWORTH.COM

Administrative Contact:

Westerman, Morgan (MW3216) admin@NET-WWWORTH.COM  
800.243.2976 (FAX) 608.825.3403

Technical Contact, Zone Contact:

Wallace, Sanford (SW1708) domreg@CYBERPROMO.COM  
215-628-9780

Billing Contact:

Westerman, Morgan (MW3216) admin@NET-WWWORTH.COM

800.243.2976 (FAX) 608.825.3403

Record last updated on 11-May-97.

Record created on 04-Apr-97.

Database last updated on 11-Jun-97 05:03:19 EDT.

Domain servers in listed order:

NS7.CYBERPROMO.COM	205.199.2.250
NS9.CYBERPROMO.COM	207.124.161.50
NS8.CYBERPROMO.COM	207.124.161.65
NS5.CYBERPROMO.COM	205.199.212.50

The InterNIC Registration Services Host contains ONLY Internet Information (Networks, ASN's, Domains, and POC's).

Please use the whois server at [nic.ddn.mil](http://nic.ddn.mil) for MILNET Information.

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State:CA  
Contact email address:[cherlin@cauce.org](mailto:cherlin@cauce.org)

Written submission:

Sanford Wallace omitted to mention the greater costs of both junk fax and UCE. The cost of paper and printing in a fax machine is much less than the cost of having the machine tied up. The cost of filtering UCE, the cost of system crashes due to overloading by UCE, and the cost of decisions not to restore services damaged by UCE, are all much more serious than the cost of receiving and discarding e-mail.

Wallace claims that he has never used unethical bulk e-mail methods. He is simply lying. He and his customers routinely disguise the source of their e-mails with forged headers. His company, Cyber Promotions, has been sued successfully over this practice. He sells a Stealth mailer whose chief point of interest is that it forges headers. He and his customers routinely add addresses from remove requests to their lists.

Please ask him and others for interpretations of the settlements of the AOL and CompuServe suits, and the injunction just issued in the Web Systems case in Houston.

Ray Everett of CAUCE can provide details.

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Written submission:

Ask Sanford Wallace and Walt Rines why they refuse to accept messages  
complaining about spam. They and their customers routinely provide no  
reply address, or invalid addresses in their UCE.

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Written submission:

It is stated that 60% or more of spam recipients simply delete it rather than take any action against it. As a dedicated spam fighter, I tried to take action on every spam I received, until the volume overwhelmed me. I now archive the spams I receive, and work for a law against UCE.



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Written submission:

Q. Is there a correlation between header forgery and illegal content?

A. Yes. All spammers, with Sanford Wallace in the lead, forge headers  
and send illegal content. The correlation is close to perfect.

Cyber Promotions is the worst offender, and has been sued over this  
several times.

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Written submission:

Given that restrictions on manner of delivery of commercial speech  
have been consistently allowed by the U.S. courts in order to protect  
consumers against cost shifting or other harm, what are the panelists'  
objections to applying the same type of restriction to spam?

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Written submission:

CAUCE volunteers its resources to help the FTC trace spams to their sources. Our members include a variety of technical specialists.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name: Bruce Dawson

City: Madison

State: WI

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Written submission:

I make frequent use of the Internet, including Usenet newsgroups, for keeping up with technology and for staying in touch with my customers. 'Spamming', both of usenet and of e-mail, interferes with both of these.

Reading newsgroups is very difficult these days because of the number of companies that spam them with junk mailings that go to hundreds of newsgroups. It would be nice if this could be somehow reduced, but I see no way of doing this.

Posting to newsgroups, an essential part of supporting my customers, is a dangerous thing to do, because it makes you vulnerable to e-mail spammers. Whenever I post a message I can be certain that I will get a deluge of junk mail over the following weeks. This mail wastes my time, costs me money, and interferes with my ability to find and read genuine messages from customers and friends.

The costs of junk e-mail include connect charges for downloading it, storage charges, time spent trying to get removed from junk e-mail lists, and time wasted on efforts to stay off of junk e-mail lists (many people mangle their e-mail addresses in usenet posts so that address scanners won't be able to read them).

Junk e-mail is particularly annoying since the senders are generally too cowardly to put a real return address on the mail. At the very least it should be illegal to put somebody else's return e-mail address on junk e-mail, and perhaps it should be required that you put your real address.

There should be a way for people to remove themselves from junk e-mail lists, and there should be penalties for people who continue to send junk e-mail after being asked not to.

This is a difficult issue, filled with complications, but I hope that

we are able to restrain the bulk e-mailers a bit. The future of the Internet as a public area depends on it.

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from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
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Name:Chris Courtright  
City:San Antonio  
State:TX  
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Written submission:

Since I am paying for my internet access, my computing resources should not be tied up by unwanted mail. If I am using email to communicate with family members, I must spend my connection hours and money sifting out the unsolicited email, just to get to the family correspondence.

I should be able to bill the junk mail vendors for time and expenses related to handling the junk mail. This billing option should also be available to the network traffic carriers (Sprint, MCI, AT&T, etc.) and the Internet Service Providers that warehouse the mail until the recipient removes it from the mailbox.

I believe strongly in free speech. If the junk email vendors want to pay for postage and handling throughout the entire chain of monetary and time consuming events they cause to occur, then OK because that means that I would get paid for tossing away junk mail. But as long as I pay for the computer and I pay the ISP for internet access and the ISP pays the network carrier and pays for the machines to hold the mail, and the network carrier pays to pump this through the internet, then I should be able to choose what I want to receive.

Sincerely,

Chris Courtright  
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State:CA

Contact email address:CSILVEY@BIGFOOT.COM

Written submission:

IT SHOULD BE LIKE SNAIL MAIL THERE IS A FROM TO FILL OUT IF YOU  
DONT

WANT TO GET JUNK MAIL.

THE SAME SHOULD BE FOR E MAIL THERE SHOULD BE A FORM TO FILL  
OUT AND

SET TO ALL THE JUNK MAILE COMPANYS STATEING THAT YOU DONT  
WANT THERE

ADVERTISEMENT.

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Written submission:

I was disappointed that the FTC did not have any large corporations  
(e.g. Fortune 100) speak during the

Panel VI: Unsolicited Commercial E-mail: Impact

I believe that there is a significant cost to companies whose  
employees are recipients of unsolicited Email (spam). Please  
continue your good work and talk to companies.

Regards,

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Written submission:

I found the hearings quite informative, however, one point that did not seem to have been addressed was:The IEMMC opt-out registration site does not, and has not ever worked.Furthermore, there were reports that several of the SpamFactories affilliated with IEMMC continuedto transmit UCE well after the date they had agreed to stop (and use IEMMC's facilities) had passed.Detiled accounts of this can be found by searching the archives at <http://www.dejanews.com>and browsing through the contents of <news://news.admin.net-abuse.email> and <news://news.admin.net-abuse.misc>

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Written submission:

Type your comments here

Why is the computer so different from the mail box-  
kids can get in their and get the playboy out of it's rapper  
from the mail. Why don't the government make us lock our  
box's as well?

The internet has done very well without government so far,  
let's keep it out. If email is too big a probleb it will  
simply be an incentive for someone to make a program to sell  
me, if I Want !

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Written submission:  
Type your comments here:

I am a theoretical physicist, and I have been using the Internet for teaching and research for over 10 years, long before it got overtaken by the commercial world. Nowadays I find my mail box is full of junk which just wastes my time at work and wastes my employer's resources. Much of the junk email I receive comes from fake addresses from cowards who are scared to face the angry masses of people who do not wish to receive spam. As much of the advertising is for products which are only useful in the United States, it is generally also completely useless to me as I live in Australia!

If people want to receive junk email then they should be able to subscribe to it. I have tried to get myself removed from the spam victim lists maintained by Cyberpromotions and their associates, but to no avail - the rubbish keeps flowing in. There can be no ethical justification for subjecting countless millions of people to the electronic harassment that we are currently being subjected to. It is tantamount to a crazed loon breaking into your office at work and raving at you while you are peacefully trying to get on with your work. The spam must stop.

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Name:Doug Muth

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State:PA

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Written submission:

My problem with junk e-mail is the sheer amount of stuff that I receive which I NEVER asked for! Since the beginning of February 1997, I have received 191 pieces of junk e-mail. Had I gotten this all at once, many people would consider it to be a mailbombing! As most of this junk e-mail was commercial, Chris Smith's law which amends the junk-fax law to apply to e-mail would be most effective.

Thanks for your time.

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State:IN

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Written submission:

Type your comments here

Why do those who hate "junk e-mail" go to all the trouble,  
time and expense of devising and implementing ways to defeat  
the mass e-mailers when all they have to do is use one little  
finger for one second to hit the delete button?

Furthermore, if they can't even lift their little finger, then  
I have another proposal: a national registry of all those  
who don't want to get UCE. They could put their name and e-mail  
addresses on the registry, and then the registry could be  
circulated among all the mass e-mailers, nearly all of whom  
would be glad to "clean" their lists of the potential whiners,  
complainers, troublemakers, hackers and Unix-bombers, these  
self-appointed vigilantes of Cyberspace. Most mass e-mailers  
would be delighted to have nothing to do with these e-mail  
haters and the e-mail haters would get no more UCE.

Problem solved.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Unknown Person  
City:dullsville  
State:maxis  
Contact email address:[dumb@maxis.au](mailto:dumb@maxis.au)  
Written submission:  
Type your comments here

I made the mistake a few months ago of posting an newsgroup message, this message had my real e-mail address on it. Now on a daily basis i probally get 7 to 10 messages a day on just "SPAM" it has become a real problem in the internet society. The problem of Internet overloading is very prominent in the surfing experience, i would rather see the bandwidth that is used sending these millions of "SPAM" message be put to a more productive use.

E-mail not Valid due to ANTI-SPAM efforts

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from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:Mark Callen  
City:Orlando  
State:FL  
Contact email address:e-mark@usa.net  
Written submission:  
REGARDING THE COSTS

The point was put forward that junk e-mail costs the consumer no more than 3rd class bulk mail. This is not true. Even if the junk mailer has put all the correct information into the mail regarding the removal of my e-mail address from their list, I still have to take the -time- to root out this information and then send the e-mail asking to be deleted. If I receive 3rd class bulk mail that indicates that it is an advertisement I can simply drop it in a garbage can. The comparison of "costs" did not include the cost of my time. I should not have to invest my time to be removed from a junk mailer's list. My personal time is charged at \$30 per hour. Will the junk e-mailers pay for my time? I don't think so!

#### REGARDING "HARVESTING"

The practice of so-called harvesting of public databases is just a pretty way of saying, we grab names from anywhere we can! Let's take a look at these "public" databases:

##### Personal Web Pages

Usually someone will put their e-mail address on a web page to get e-mail regarding the design or content of their page.

##### USENET News Groups

Usenet news groups are very specific regarding their topics of discussion and usually have a FAQ (Frequently Asked Question file) that will give the parameters of operation for that specific group. Nearly all, if not all, do not permit SPAM or unsolicited commercial posts and require that posts be "on-topic".

The junk e-mailer does not follow these guidelines, but rather rapes the pages and groups for their e-mail addresses without any conscious effort to be selective!

#### ADDITIONAL ISSUES

##### ALTERED E-MAIL ADDRESSES

It has now become common practice to alter one's own personal e-mail address that is posted to USENET News Groups so that "harvesting" is harder to do.

An example: my e-mail address is e-mark@usa.net.  
In my posts: my e-mail address is e-markNOSPAM@usa.net.

With instructions telling people wishing to reply to me to remove the NOSPAM from the e-mail address. Some people have even started using phonetic e-mail addresses.

Example: ee dash em aa ar ka at you ess aa dot en ee te.

Why should we be forced into this type of foolishness by some commercial concerns who have no concept of privacy. The only reason they are sending e-mails is to make money. That isn't good enough to invade my privacy!

## REGULATION

Many of today's e-mail software will allow for filters. These allow you to filter out specific e-mails by address or subject. Simply require by law that all commercial e-mail have correct return address information and that they have .adv (advertisement) as the e-mail address suffix or ADV be required as the first three letters in the Subject field.

This will allow the user to decide whether or not they want to receive commercial e-mail.

e-mark@usa.net



The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:rest were forged. This has to stop.

City:Rockville

State:MN

Contact email address:eknuth@tiny.computing.csbsju.edu

Written submission:

Type your comments hereLadies and gentlemen: I have been on the Net since 1992. I have participated in USENet newsgroups, subscription e-mail lists, and now maintain several WWW pages for two universities. In the past year, unsolicited bulk e-mailing seems to have skyrocketed. This is a theft of my time and of my employer's time, and a waste of limited storage space in my personal mail account and on the universities' mail server. I have been saving all of my mail this month just to see what the ratio of personal mail to unsolicited bulk e-mail is. From June 1 to June 11 1997, I have received 25 personal letters...and I have had 34 unwanted, unsolicited bulk e-mail messages forced on me. What are they selling? Phone sex, illegal pyramid schemes, software for an operating system I don't have, "secrets" that I can get for free elsewhere, bulk e-mail lists and software, and web pages (which I get free from my employer). Only 4 of these 34 junk e-mails had a legitimate return address. The corrected version:

Name:Elizabeth T. Knuth

City:Rockville

State:MN

Contact email address:eknuth@tiny.computing.csbsju.edu

Written submission:

Type your comments hereLadies and gentlemen: I have been on the Net since 1992. I have participated in USENet newsgroups, subscription e-mail lists, and now maintain several WWW pages for two universities. In the past year, unsolicited bulk e-mailing seems to have skyrocketed. This is a theft of my time and of my employer's time, and a waste of limited storage space in my personal mail account and on the universities' mail server. I have been saving all of my mail this month just to see what the ratio of personal mail to unsolicited bulk e-mail is. From June 1 to June 11 1997, I have received 25 personal letters...and I have had 34 unwanted, unsolicited bulk e-mail messages forced on me. What are they selling? Phone sex, illegal pyramid schemes, software for an operating system I don't

have, "secrets" that I can get for free elsewhere, bulk e-mail lists and software, and web pages (which I get free from my employer). Only 4 of these 34 junk e-mails had a legitimate return address. The rest were forged. This has to stop.

The following comment  
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webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:Eunis Benecke  
City:Penn Valley  
State:CA  
Contact email address:eunis@oro.net

Written submission:

Type your comments here

I hate the idea of censoring the Internet in any way; however, the practice of spamming is totally out of control. But I feel the same way about the deluge of junk mail that I get in my USPS mailbox and have to sort and arrange to recycle. Just imagine the amount of junk mail in the land fills? Why don't we control that?

Perhaps a major fine for spamming would eliminate the practice. The fine/fees would hopefully pay for the policing.

I would like to comment on the timing of this hearing, especially since it was being "cybercast" live. Since there are more e-mail and Internet users in California than any other state, why was there no consideration to the time zone differences? Planning this hearing at 8:30 a.m. EST prevented most input from the West Coast. I teach an Internet class at a community college. This would have been a very good in class demonstration; but impossible due to you selection of time. Anything that is "live" and where interaction is allowed should be planned with both coasts in mind.

Thank you.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name: Fred Furtado  
City: Jeffersonton  
State: VA  
Contact email address: [ffurtado@erols.com](mailto:ffurtado@erols.com)  
Written submission:  
Junk Mail Sample:

From: [rwaters@ponypress.com](mailto:rwaters@ponypress.com)  
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 97 23:47:12 EST  
To: [all@yoda.globaltech2000.com](mailto:all@yoda.globaltech2000.com)  
Subject: The Golden List

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MOST OF YOU HAVE DONE BUSINESS WITH ME IN THE PAST AND HAVE  
HAD EXCELLENT RESULTS WITH MY LISTS. THIS IS THE BEST COLLECTION  
OF NAMES THAT I HAVE  
EVER OFFERED.

YOUR CD OR ZIP DISC WILL BE SHIPPED WITHIN 2 BUSINESS DAYS OF

RECEIVING YOUR PAYMENT. HERE'S WHAT I NEED.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PH.# \_\_\_\_\_(voice)

PH# \_\_\_\_\_(fax)

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CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:  
(visa or mc only please)

CARD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE AUTHORIZE DJ DISTRIBUTORS TO CHARGE

MY ACCOUNT \$399.00

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT OUT THIS FORM AND FAX IT TO:  
919-537-3125

OR FAX THE SAME FORM WITH A CHECK MAKE  
PAYABLE TO: DJ DISTRIBUTORS. If you are in a bind we'll be  
Happy to take your cc information by phone during regular office  
Hours and will make an honest attempt to rush your order.

MY INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID SMITH  
DJ DISTRIBUTORS  
1039 E. 10TH ST.  
ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC 27870

919-537-3125(FAX)  
I hope to hear from you soon!!!

THIS SHOULD BE ILLEGAL!!! PLEASE HELP STOP THIS.

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The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:Thomas Moll

City:LaSalle

State:Quebec

Contact email address:fnord@odyssee.net

Written submission:

Since I have to pay to receive junk email sent to me, what financial compensation  
can I get to download them?

Why do I suddenly have an increase in spam email from IEMMC (Sanford  
Wallace's spam HQ) after I registered there to have this abusive mail stopped?

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name: Fred Condo, Ph.D.  
City: Covina  
State: CA  
Contact email address: fred@lighstide.net  
Written submission:  
City: Covina, California  
Affiliation: Lightside, Inc.  
Position: CEO  
Contact: fred@lightside.net  
Name: Fred Condo, Phd.

As the CEO and network administrator of a local Internet Service Provider in Los Angeles County, California, I must deal with unsolicited commercial email (UCE) on a daily basis. In the past several months, the problem of UCE has grown. Although we have in place technical solutions that block some unwanted UCE practices, every day new abusers of UCE ("spammers") come onto the scene.

The practices we block are 1) third-party relaying and 2) all mail transfer from notorious or rogue spammers.

In third-party relaying, the spammer uses our mail server as a relay point for UCE destined for third parties not affiliated with our network. Technical solutions for this problem are highly effective in preventing our server from being abused in this way. However, until and unless every mail server administrator installs this solution, spammers will still be able to find open servers from which to relay their UCE.

We also maintain a list of unrepentant spammers or operators of relay-accessible servers who refuse to block third-party relaying. All mail from those sources is rejected by our server. This solution is badly flawed in the following ways. First, our bandwidth and server computing resources are still wasted when the spammer opens a connection to attempt delivery. Second, the burden is on us to detect UCE, determine whether the source is a rogue site, and maintain our list of blocked sites. Third, spammers can change the site names they use, demanding more list-maintenance work by us. Fourth, some UCE gets through until we detect it.



I hope the FTC will not bless UCE and spam. Regulating them is not the answer. Both practices should be prohibited, inasmuch as they consist entirely of theft of services and resources. No one should be placed on an Internet mailing list without their express prior permission or their express action actively signing up for the list (the so-called "opt-in" solution). This is also the official position of Lightside, Inc.

Thank you for receiving my comments.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
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Name:Rui Gama

City:Dudley

State:MA

Contact email address:gama@xpsoft.com

Written submission:

First of all we DONT SPAM at XPS. Here are our 2cents.

Anti-apam can be stupidity and censorship. The average web page contains about 50,000 characters, with alot of them well above that average ( in the million characters). Now saying that spam cost money, compared with the time and space required to access that same web page can only be stupidity and/or censorship. Anti-spammers are normally censors, abusive individuals. It takes a few seconds to trash unwated messages. Thats what we do when we don't like them.

Anti-spammers claim that one can post on search engines to advertise their products. As we don't have the time to do that, we welcome valid unsolicited email notifications of new products/services.

ISP's and corporations that don't follow anti-spammers rulers are currently email bombed, and forced to complay regardless of their opinion considering a particular post/email. Becasue of that ISP's are forced to take action even if they receive one single complain.

Any group of individuals on the net is powerfull enough to create problems to others, regardless if the silent majority stays quiet. The so called free speach individuals on the net are after all major dictators imposing their own views on others. A good example, place a spam message on the so called usenet warez groups. A group of criminals will complaining about a spam. Go figure.

But we beleive there should be some regulations, regulations that can only be enforced at the country level though. These would include:

- Email should be included in todays postal regulations.
- All email MUST have a valid return address. It would be a federal crime to forge email return address, as it is today with postal mail.
- A new software protocol, not compatible with the current, for email should be created to not allow the forging of headers.

- Nicknames should not be allowed in email accounts and net in general, with exception of generic department or function names, but an individual should always be registred as being responsible for them.

- A central database should be created with individuals/corporations that do not want to receive unsolicited email.

- Unsolicited email maillers should check that database. If they don't they should be placed on a watch list and eventually be condemned through the normal legal system to not access the net again (we do not want nor trust the net community to do so).

- An unsolicited email, should contain information on how to remove a person from their list. If a email bomb takes place ( common procedure, from the nightmare stories we've heard), that individual/corporation should be prossecuted.

- An unsolicited email after a remove request has been made, should be punished by law.

These rules should also cover USENET and any online activity. The use of nicknames on the net, it's an abuse. You never know who you're talking to.

The end result would be:

- Valid and responsible advertisement of products and services
- Net cleanup
- Pirated software distribution would also be covered.

We at XPS beleive this should accomodate everybody. We would llike to send unsolicited emails advertisent our year 2000 products and services, but we're affraid and forced to autocensor because of posiible:

- having our email consider by someone as a spam
- email bombs
- having our connection to the net terminated

We don't beleive the net community is capable of regulatting itself. The free speach banners for nudity and pirated software don't apply elsewhere. Go figure.

Rui Gama  
President  
Xpress Software, Inc  
Dudley, Massachussetts  
USA



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Name:George William Herbert  
City:Berkeley  
State:CA  
Contact email address:gherbert@crl.com  
Written submission:

While I am aware that the hearing has recently concluded,  
I feel the need to submit a comment and request its inclusion  
in the record if possible.

Literally at the same exact time as Mr Sanford Wallace was making  
assurances before the committee as to the integrity and professional  
behaviour of his business, Cyber Promotions sent a piece of unsolicited  
email to my internet account. I have repeatedly over the last year  
requested to be put on their remove list and finally resorted to  
a certified, return receipt postal mail notification that I was  
going to consider further unsolicited commercial email from CyberPromo  
to my accounts harrassment and would take legal action against them.

Mr Wallace's business is incapable of even the most basic consumer  
protection as not illegally harrassing innocent consumers.  
I urge the Federal Trade Commission to consider this irresponsible  
behaviour when considering his testimony.

The message received is appended and should also be included  
in the record if possible.

Thank you,  
-george william herbert  
2240 Blake St #101  
Berkeley CA 94704  
gherbert@crl.com

(Message inbox:5927)  
Return-Path: team97@hotmail.com  
Delivery-Date: Thu, 12 Jun 1997 13:45:12 -0700  
Return-Path: team97@hotmail.com

Received: from newsadm.crl.com (n2.crl.com) by mail.crl.com with SMTP id AA00784 (5.65c/IDA-1.5 for <gherbert@crl.com>); Thu, 12 Jun 1997 13:39:26 -0700  
Received: from mx3.smtp.psi.net (mx3.smtp.psi.net [38.8.111.2])  
by newsadm.crl.com (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id NAA00789;  
Thu, 12 Jun 1997 13:18:44 -0700 (PDT)  
From: team97@hotmail.com  
Received: from hotmail.com by mx3.smtp.psi.net (8.6.12/SMI-4.1.3-PSI)  
id PAA04595; Thu, 12 Jun 1997 15:19:18 -0400  
Date: Thu, 12 Jun 1997 15:19:18 -0400  
To: rapid@savetrees.com  
Subject: Pre-Paid gas cards go MLM !!!!  
Reply-To: team97@hotmail.com  
Comments: Authenticated sender is <team97@hotmail.com>  
Received: from hotmail.com (hotmail.com [000.000.000.000]) by hotmail.com (0.0.0./0.0.0.) with SMTP id AAA000000 for <team97@hotmail.com>; Thu, 12 Jun 1997 15:18:37 -0500 (EST)  
Message-Id: 0000000000.AAA000@hotmail.com  
X-Uidl: 98538328931135985315511215913448

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Do not send a reply to the E mail address or reply address above, Please follow the instructions below for contacting us.

Hello!

Thought you Would like to hear about this.

Pre-Paid gas cards go MLM.....

Save BIG on one of the most widely used products - GAS! !

Just launched 03/10/97.....

An Exclusive contract for pre-paid gas cards has been established.  
The gasoline industry is a \$175 billion dollar per year industry.  
Tap into this market Now.....

Representatives and users are needed ASAP !

Imagine this :

If your local gas station hung up a sign that read :

" 10% off of gas - get signed up this week "

Do you think there would be a line 3 miles long of people waiting to get signed up and wanting to fill their tanks ??

Get the Picture !!

Your at the right place at the right time.....With the right company.

Do this :

Click here and Send an E-mail to : [hope4gas@answerme.com](mailto:hope4gas@answerme.com)

\* Please Put " Gas Card " in the subject line for fast response. \*

And Include the Following :

Name (required)

Phone number (required)

Fax number (recommended)

E-mail address

We will get all the important info out to you ASAP!

HURRY - Get onboard before your neighbors ask you to!

PS: This is also a great opportunity to make some extra money. The compensation plan pays weekly. No experience needed! - You just need to find 2 people who are interested (pretty easy - huh!) . Total help and leadership help is available for FREE! There is no obligation to buy anything or purchase anything to be involved.

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We are linked directly under an investor - the highest possible spot.

Update: The L.E.A.D. Team Will help you build your downline. We have all the tools available , build your downline Fast and easy  
Co-op ads, Web sites, 3-way calls, daily & hourly conference calls, etc.

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Dear Friend,

We are the L.E.A.D. Team , a downline team that evaluates MLM opportunities, helps our folks build a successful downline and provide the tools necessary for success. WE HAVE A GUARANTEED SYSTEM FOR SUCCESS! ! PRE-PAID GAS CARDS started march 8th and is setting MLM records for new distributors. Everyone wants to save on gasoline .

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It's been said "Those who join a company that has less than 100,000 people ( in a decent network marketing company ).... You were considered, Ground Floor.

WELCOME TO THE BASEMENT !

Thanks The L.E.A.D. Team...

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If you wish to be removed from future mailings, please reply with the word, " REMOVE " in the SUBJECT FIELD and our software will automatically block you from our future mailings.



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Name: Gary K. Foote

City: North Conway

State: NH

Contact email address: gkfoote@webbers.com

Written submission:

My name is Gary K. Foote, Moderator of the E-Marketing Digest, an e-mail forum focused on ethical e-mail marketing techniques. One suggestion that has been made in this forum is 'tagging' the subject line of any UCE with a 'universally' accepted tag, like [AD].

Additionally, defining a number of UCE [CATEGORIES] would allow recipients to filter out unwanted categories easily.

Are any of the panel using or developing this method?

BTW - I find it interesting that you are soliciting e-mail addresses during this comments/questions process :)

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name: Katherine Griffis, President and Lead Consultant, GRIFFIS CONSULTING  
City: Birmingham  
State: Alabama  
Contact email address: grifcon@mindspring.com  
Written submission:  
Type your comments here

As the President of an international business consulting firm that does approximately 30-40% of our business via Internet e-mail and newsgroups, we are finding it more and more difficult to conduct our business when we must spend an inordinate amount of time deleting and trashing UCE's that clutter up our various business and personal e-mail boxes, as well as our newsreaders. While we have tried various styles to combat our addresses from being harvested on newsgroups by SPAMbots, we are finding more every day. This must stop.

Since our business requires interactive use of the Internet to talk, communicate and transmit information to clients, consider the analogy of another salesperson from another field popping into \*your office\* every 5-10 minutes or so, and pitching \*his business\* (which neither you nor your client care about) on YOUR time and turf. This is how we view UCE's.

While we are fortunate enough to NOT have to pay for telephone time for downloads, and no longer pay \*by the minute\* for online time, we know that many of our clients and fellow Internet users are not so fortunate. Clients overseas complain to us all the time on how commercial the Internet has become, with UCE's taking the place of websites, and rather poor advertising at that. Their costs have skyrocketed in just the telephone and download time in trying to retrieve e-mail and newsgroups that include as much as 30-40% UCE's within.

As a business \*doing business\* online, we suggest that UCE's be banned and that a business directory system be devised for the Internet for users who wish to use Internet businesses via a search mode. Alta Vista, for example, can be used to a limited extent in this fashion. However, we suggest a dedicated server, and further advancements in SSL encryption

would, in our opinion, make the Internet a \*marketplace\*, as well as a communications tool, without interference of the two by encroachment.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Griffis  
President and Lead Consultant  
GRIFFIS CONSULTING  
grifcon@mindspring.com

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Name:Louis Harkins

City:Norcross

State:Georgia

Contact email address:[harkinsnet@webtv.net](mailto:harkinsnet@webtv.net)

Written submission:

I appreciate this opportunity to state my  
opposition to unsolicited junk email. My  
opposition to this form of communication  
is based on my strong belief in the  
priority of privacy in any form of  
communication. Almost daily I receive  
unsolicited advertisements through the  
mail and by phone; I find these  
incursions on my privacy unacceptable. I  
feel the same way about junk email.  
Again I appreciate this opportunity to  
voice my opinion.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
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Name:Matthew Harper  
City:Calgary  
State:Alberta, Canada  
Contact email address:harperm@cadvision.com  
Written submission:  
Type your comments here

Inquiry for Mr. Wallace

- 1) How did CyberPromo obtain my address??? Without my expressed permission to use it for ads. Pretty unethical conduct.
- 2) Why doesn't his [remove@cyberpromo.com](mailto:remove@cyberpromo.com) work??? I've made several requests. Must I reply to each and every unwanted mail???
- 3) [remove@cyberpromo.com](mailto:remove@cyberpromo.com) DOES NOT work. How is it possible a "global remove list" will??? The IEMMC.org hasn't worked and hundreds at [news.admin.net-abuse.email](mailto:news.admin.net-abuse.email) have tried.
- 4) I assume that CyberPromo maintains the "master list" of address and NOT his customers. Why should anyone believe anything he says??? PROFIT is his only motivation.

\*OPT-IN is the only solution. People wanting the ads are the only ones that will receive it. Business might suffer but the public won't.\*

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Name:Tim Millard

City:Danville

State:PA

Contact email address:[hawkeye7@postoffice.ptd.net](mailto:hawkeye7@postoffice.ptd.net)

Written submission:

Hello. I'm a resident of Danville, PA, and, since you are familiar with the practices of spammers (i.e. stealing bandwidth, spoofing return addresses so people think it came from someone else, etc.), would you ever consider, if spam is not banned, to make spammers pay for resources stolen from ISPs and online services, and also to make it illegal to spoof the return address, that spammers **MUST** have their return e-mail? I think that would be a very good idea.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
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Name:howard goldstein  
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State:florida  
Contact email address:hgoldste@bbs.mpcs.com  
Written submission:  
IEEMC misstated the efficacy of opt-in.

The world-wide-web is completely opt-in, and the immense growth  
therein lends lie to the claim that opt-in is incompatible with  
commerce on the internet.

The junk emailers actual but sub rosa rationale for opposing opt-in  
is that opt-in precludes the shifting of administrative and economic  
burdens upon the victim, the recipient.



The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jim Wissick

City:San Jose

State:Ca

Contact email address:[howling@concentric.net](mailto:howling@concentric.net)

Written submission:

Spam is more then just an annoyance. It is costly. It eats companies  
productivity.

It is no differant then Junk Faxes. At this time, I get more spam than  
real email.

Most spam I recieve is Multi-level marketing junk, hair growth ads, weight  
loss ads, and ads to sell me junk email sending software.

Honest people should not be forced to live with these constant scams.

Internet users demand that spam be not just regulated, but OUTLAWED.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Rev. Phranc van 1-888-208-2899

City:San Diego

State:ca

Contact email address:[info@purity.org](mailto:info@purity.org)

Written submission:

Why not create an international low cost tax of say a penny per outgoing email message sent ?

this tax could be used to fund colaberations among law enforcment and techies to prevent spam fraud.

The internet will allways have problems being governed by any one country. Free speach only pertains to americans, and an internationally baised culture cannot be controled by any one individual countries government, alone.

This would not be a perminant solution, but a temp. fix, until the advance of technologies to beter deal with the problem of international email fraud, and annoyance of invasion into personal cyberspace.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:Jackie Fenton  
City:Irvine  
State:CA  
Contact email address:jackie@intelenet.net  
Written submission:

There has been much talk with regard to "opt out" for internet users to avoid UCE. AGIS and Cyber Promotions joined with others to form IEMMC and initiate a global remove list for those of us who did not want to receive UCE. After several requests to Cyber Promotions to please remove my email address, submitting my email address to their removal procedure, several requests to AGIS as well as Alltel to please stop sending me UCE, I entered my email address (after June 12) in the IEMMC's global remove list. I received a confirmation code to enter along with my email address again. My entry was accepted without error. Since I submitted my email address to the IEMMC's global remove list, I have received \*more\* UCE from AGIS and Cyber Promotion customers than before. I will include some of these messages with full header and some with traceroute information below.

Obviously, after submitting my email address to IEMMC for removal, my email address was sold to even more customers. I find this appalling. I do not believe that an "opt out" system will work because the very people that propose this system as an option will not honor their \*own\* remove lists. Furthermore, I am frustrated with the blatant lies that the remove lists have been "accidentally" destroyed and which is often included in the UCE delivered to my email address after I have asked to be removed.

I have several email addresses that point to one email address which is delivered to me. It is a major imposition on my time to have to change my email address information to reflect the different email addresses each time I want my name removed from a new bulk emailer on the scene. I have given up on doing this because it is futile and I am convinced this confirms to the bulk emailer or seller of email addresses they have a valid address and sell it to more bulk emailers. This is the conclusion I have reached after repeated failed attempts to have my email address removed from the UCE lists.

Sometimes, it is not possible for me to know which of my email addresses has been sent the UCE. Therefore, I have to submit all email addresses I own providing the unscrupulous sellers of email addresses with more valid email addresses to sell. I cannot know who will abuse the information and who will honor it. Sadly, it appears that few will honor the requests for removal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Samples of messages are included below. Please feel free to contact me for any information you may require. I have also included the message I received from IEMMC to confirm my request for adding my email address to their global remove list which I followed as per instructions and was ignored.

Respectfully,

Jackie Fenton

\*\*\*\*\* UCE from AGIS customer \*\*\*\*\*

#### Traceroute Output

FROM www1.ix.net TO natsol.com

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1 e1-0.c3.sea.ix.net (204.194.12.1) 2 ms 2 ms 2 ms
2 f8-0.c2.sea.ix.net (199.242.16.2) 3 ms 2 ms 2 ms
3 905.Hssi5-0.GW1.SEA1.ALTER.NET (137.39.136.5) 4 ms 3 ms 4 ms
4 421.atm1-0.cr2.sea1.alter.net (137.39.13.74) 2 ms 3 ms 3 ms
5 110.Hssi8-0.CR2.SCL1.Alter.Net (137.39.58.50) 42 ms 31 ms 42 ms
6 412.atm11-0.gw2.scl1.alter.net (137.39.13.169) 40 ms 31 ms 69 ms
7 f6-0.santaclara3.agis.net (206.84.225.233) 62 ms 58 ms 53 ms
8 ga000.santaclara4.agis.net (206.84.226.229) 44 ms 57 ms 63 ms
9 ga008.chicago3.agis.net (206.84.226.222) 74 ms 88 ms 76 ms
10 205.254.173.234 (205.254.173.234) 78 ms 64 ms 81 ms
11 llv.chicago1.agis.net (205.137.58.10) 139 ms 171 ms *
12 205.254.167.29 (205.254.167.29) 130 ms 137 ms 118 ms
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>From info@natsol.com Tue Jun 24 15:24:16 1997

Return-Path: <info@natsol.com>

Received: from ns.intelenet.net by qajaq.intelenet.net.intelenet.net

(SMI-8.6/SMI-SVR4)  
id PAA01085; Tue, 24 Jun 1997 15:24:13 -0700  
From: info@natsol.com  
Received: from belize.it.earthlink.net (belize-c.it.earthlink.net  
[204.250.46.130])  
by ns.intelenet.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with ESMTP id PAA05057  
for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Tue, 24 Jun 1997 15:21:48 -0700 (PDT)  
Received: from mba621.earthlink.net (max2-gg-ca-45.earthlink.net  
[206.149.204.145])  
by belize.it.earthlink.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id PAA09758  
for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Tue, 24 Jun 1997 15:20:22 -0700 (PDT)  
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 1997 15:20:22 -0700 (PDT)  
Received: from login\_0122.ybecker.net  
(mail.ybecker.net[204.126.205.203]) by DrTaylor@ybecker.net  
(8.8.5/8.7.3) with SMTP id XAA06368 for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Tue, 24  
June 1997 15:14:32 -0700 (EDT)  
To: <jackie@intelenet.net>  
Subject: I have seen the future.  
Reply-To: DrTaylor@ybecker.net  
X-PMFLAGS: 20720340.50  
X-UIDL: 20720340\_201230.501  
Comments: Authenticated Sender is <DeTaylor@ybecker.net>  
Message-Id: <34837681\_18611557>  
Content-Length: 4907  
X-Lines: 42  
Status: RO

I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE  
And it will change your world...

I receive a lot of telephone calls. All of them interesting-some of them fascinating. Seldom though, do I receive a call that I would truly refer to as "compelling." That is, of course, until my phone rang about 3 weeks ago.

Odd call. Gentleman wanted some information-specific information. Seems he was interested in learning more about this network distribution thing, and whether it might be a fit form a new technology he was "involved" with. After a series of questions that felt more like a Nazi interrogation, I interrupted...

"What's the product?"

"Can't tell you," came a rather hollow reply.

"Can't tell me? Why not?" I pressed, becoming increasingly more

curious-and irritated-by the moment.

Seeming to change the subject he said, "We want you to come take a look, and give us your opinion."

"Come where? And give you my opinion on what?"

"We'll send you a plane ticket."

Three days later, I found myself staring out the window of that early morning Delta flight as we made our final approach, wondering what in the world I have got myself into.

During the 45 minute drive to "the office" we exchanged pleasant conversation. Turns out my "interrogator" is a nice guy after all. More than a bit protective, perhaps, although I didn't realize at the time that being a "bit protected" was a very good idea.

Met with the founders and the young man who had invented the technology. I guess it was about 55 minutes into the presentation that I understood what these guys were up to, and the profound effect this was going to have upon the world-our world. While I sat there riveted on the CEO's every word, transfixed by the passion emanating from his steel blue eyes, I felt like some character in a spy novel, conspiring on a plot to overthrow the government or something.

However, what was more impressive than the product was that they wanted to introduce this new technology using the latent power of Network Distribution. Because of the sheer magnitude of their invention, believe me, they could launch this technology through any distribution channel they wanted to- and they wanted ours!

On that warm sunny day only a few short weeks ago, I witnessed one of the most awesome sights of my professional career and came face-to-face with the future. But this story isn't about a product or service, it's about how Network Distribution will continue to change your world as it is changing mine. One day, I'll tell you the whole story. -

MSC-

**THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE TELE-COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY AS IT IS NOW KNOWN!!**

Hello, our name is FutureTek 2000 Marketing Group. We've recently been invited to participate in the pre-launch organization of a new publicly traded telecommunication company (official opening 6-15-97).

The proprietary technology is the most significant advance in over 100 years of tele-communications. Protected by 2 patents covering 48 applications, we have a private network infrastructure at a pre-opening

investment of approximately 23 million dollars. We are not resellers of Long Distance time; rather a direct competitor to AT&T and others.

To illustrate the potential of this proprietary technology: the internal cost of AT&T to complete a call is calculated at approximately 3 cents per minute; MCI and Sprint the second and third largest competitor based on cost of approximately 4 cents per minute.

Our private network "compression technology" can accomplish the same call for as little as .002 in others words 2/ 100th of a cent per minute. We believe this will have a very serious financial impact on the telecommunications industry as it is now known. The cost of long distance telephone service for 85% of Americans is now averaging 20 cents per minute. This exclusive patented technology will allow our company to become a new technological giant supplying services that out perform and cost less than recent technology. This is a ground floor MLM business opportunity, with a compensation package potentially 300% more lucrative than our nearest competitors.

Would you agree we have something here that spells opportunity? If yes, we have to talk further.

CONTACT FUTURE TEK 2000  
Call For Information And Cassette 800.741.6240

Our research indicates the above information may be of interest to you. We may contact you from time to time, with a short note informing you of other valuable and beneficial offers.

Removal Instructions...

If you would prefer not to be informed, just let us know at anytime by hitting reply, then type into the subject field of your e-mail message the word remove and send to info@natsol.com. Your e-mail address will be removed within 24 hours.

Sending an e-mail remove request to info@natsol.com is the only way to be removed from our list, please do not contact the number above to be removed.

\*\*\*\*\* Next UCE \*\*\*\*\*

This is UCE directly from CyberPromo advertising their business...

Return-Path: <800@tollfree.net>  
Received: from auto-relay2.cybermirror1.com (root@[207.124.161.77])  
by ns.intelenet.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with ESMTP id IAA26277  
for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Mon, 23 Jun 1997 08:35:35 -0700 (PDT)  
From: 800@tollfree.net  
Received: from unverified source.  
X-Note: Visit <http://www.cyberpromo.com> to read about the bulk email  
saga.  
Received: from 205.199.212.136 (max1-boi-118.rmci.net [208.14.164.123])  
by keepmailing.com (8.7.4/8.7.3) for ; Mon, 23 Jun 1997 11:26:54 -0400  
(EDT)  
X-Shocking-Site: <http://www.cyberpromo.com>  
Received: from mailhost.98615.com(alt1.98615.com((206.132.88.46)) by  
98615.com (8.8.5/8.6.5) with SMTP id GAA04894 for <800access@68542.com>;  
Mon, 23 Jun 1997 07:47:42 -0600 (EST)  
To: 800access@68542.com  
Message-ID: <659872536574.jmwe5314@98615.com>  
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 97 07:47:42 EST  
Subject: Toll-Free 800 internet access 19.95/mo  
Reply-To: 800@98615.com  
X-UIDL: st5874ty5486ikju65986152ser214t5  
Comments: Authenticated sender is <800@98615.com>

Toll-Free unlimited internet access! Any phone line in the US! 19.95  
monthly

Also, optional business opportunity!

For automatic instant information, send an email to  
800access@answerme.com

Have a nice day!

\*\*\*\*\* Next UCE \*\*\*\*\*

Another CyberPromo customer

>From 21642146@pwrnet.com Sun Jun 22 07:38:10 1997  
Return-Path: <21642146@pwrnet.com>



Received: from ns.intelenet.net by qajaq.intelenet.net.intelenet.net  
(SMI-8.6/SMI-SVR4)  
id HAA01289; Sun, 22 Jun 1997 07:38:06 -0700  
From: 21642146@pwrnet.com  
Received: from orpheus.amdahl.com (orpheus.amdahl.com [129.212.11.6])  
by ns.intelenet.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with SMTP id HAA02037  
for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Sun, 22 Jun 1997 07:35:04 -0700 (PDT)  
Received: from 129.212.11.6 by orpheus.amdahl.com with smtp  
(Smail3.1.29.1 #3) id m0weT6y-0008kkC; Wed, 18 Jun 97 15:21 PDT  
Received: from get@noticed.now by sam@pwrnet.com (8.8.5/8.6.5) with SMTP  
id GAA06695 for <get@noticed.now>; Wed, 18 Jun 1997 15:27:19 -0600 (EST)  
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 97 15:27:19 EST  
To: get@noticed.now  
Subject: Get your site Noticed!  
Message-ID: <19970380054TAA0856@pwrnet.com>  
Reply-To: inet@spica.net  
X-PMFLAGS: 34078848.0  
X-UIDL: 2610431056a78aeb1b128fda426c9a5e  
Comments: Authenticated sender is <sam@pwrnet.com>  
Content-Length: 596  
X-Lines: 27  
Status: RO

Hello,

Do you have a webpage that's just sitting there?

Would you like more hits and visibility? Now you can promote your pages

like the pros! The WebSeek Promotion Spider puts your pages on the TOP

of the Search Engines! Get your FREE Shareware Version today and see

what this powerful program can do for your site!!

For more info please respond to our Autoresponder at:  
inet@spica.net and say "Promo-Now"

Resellers Needed!

thanks,  
Web Promotions!

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Note: You will not receive another message BUT we do utilize the Remove List at: remove@cyberpromo.com

\*\*\*\*\* Next UCE \*\*\*\*\*

Agis customer.....

Traceroute Output

FROM www1.ix.net TO mkt-america.com

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1 e1-0.c3.sea.ix.net (204.194.12.1) 2 ms 2 ms 2 ms
2 f8-0.c2.sea.ix.net (199.242.16.2) 2 ms 2 ms 2 ms
3 905.Hssi5-0.GW1.SEA1.ALTER.NET (137.39.136.5) 3 ms 3 ms 3 ms
4 421.atm1-0.cr2.sea1.alter.net (137.39.13.74) 114 ms 5 ms 8 ms
5 110.Hssi8-0.CR2.SCL1.Alter.Net (137.39.58.50) 244 ms 219 ms 63 ms
6 412.atm11-0.gw2.scl1.alter.net (137.39.13.169) 322 ms 277 ms 286
ms
7 f6-0.santaclara3.agis.net (206.84.225.233) 31 ms 28 ms 25 ms
8 ga000.santaclara4.agis.net (206.84.226.229) 33 ms 39 ms *
9 ga008.chicago3.agis.net (206.84.226.222) 78 ms 68 ms 85 ms
10 205.254.173.234 (205.254.173.234) 63 ms 70 ms 60 ms
11 llv.chicago1.agis.net (205.137.58.10) 118 ms 145 ms 120 ms
12 205.254.167.200 (205.254.167.200) 133 ms 113 ms 116 ms
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>From kal11@mkt-america.com Sat Jun 21 13:06:31 1997

Return-Path: <kal11@mkt-america.com>

Received: from ns.intelenet.net by qajaq.intelenet.net.intelenet.net (SMI-8.6/SMI-SVR4)

id NAA00678; Sat, 21 Jun 1997 13:06:29 -0700

From: kal11@mkt-america.com

Received: from mail-gw.pacbell.net (mail-gw.pacbell.net [206.13.28.25]) by ns.intelenet.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with ESMTP id NAA00196

for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Sat, 21 Jun 1997 13:03:25 -0700 (PDT)

Received: from mkt-america.com ([207.215.171.55]) by mail-gw.pacbell.net (8.8.5/8.7.1) with SMTP id MAA21645; Sat, 21 Jun 1997 12:52:47 -0700 (PDT)

Date: Sat, 21 Jun 1997 12:52:47 -0700 (PDT)  
To: kal11@mkt-america.com  
Subject: Make \$\$\$ with this Crazy Program  
Reply-to: kal11@mkt-america.com  
Comments: Authenticated sender is <kal11@mkt-america.com>  
Received: from mkt-america.com (mkt-america.com [000.000.000.000]) by  
mkt-america.com (0.0.0./0.0.0.) with SMTP id AAA000000 for  
<kal11@mkt-america.com>; Sat, 21 Jun 1997 14:53:21 -0500 (EST)  
Message-Id: 0000000000.AAA000@mkt-america.com  
X-UIDL: 31712794549526181528234234425628  
Content-Length: 632  
X-Lines: 21  
Status: RO

Make \$\$\$ with this FREE computer program!!

Just download it and YOU are ready to start.

I am currently making \$400 per day with this program after  
only 2 weeks.

Go get the FREE download at:

<http://www.mkt-america.com/mega>

This is the Easiest and Craziest program ever....& it WORKS!!

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To be removed from any further mailings - just "hit reply"  
with the word 'remove' in the subject line....That's it, no  
further action required.

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FREE Mass Email program demo at: <http://www.mkt-usa.com>

\*\*\*\*\* # sent in reply to my request to be placed on EIMMC global  
remove \*\*\*

>From [www@www.iemmc.org](mailto:www@www.iemmc.org) Fri Jun 20 16:27:04 1997  
Return-Path: <[www@www.iemmc.org](mailto:www@www.iemmc.org)>

Received: from ns.intelenet.net by qajaq.intelenet.net.intelenet.net  
(SMI-8.6/SMI-SVR4)  
id QAA01890; Fri, 20 Jun 1997 16:26:58 -0700  
Received: from www.iemmc.org (www@www.iemmc.org [206.85.20.102])  
by ns.intelenet.net (8.8.5/8.8.5) with ESMTP id QAA20390  
for <jackie@intelenet.net>; Fri, 20 Jun 1997 16:24:31 -0700 (PDT)  
Received: (from www@localhost)  
by www.iemmc.org (8.8.5/8.8.5) id TAA07847  
for jackie@intelenet.net; Fri, 20 Jun 1997 19:24:27 -0400 (EDT)  
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 1997 19:24:27 -0400 (EDT)  
From: WWW-server <www@www.iemmc.org>  
Message-Id: <199706202324.TAA07847@www.iemmc.org>  
To: jackie@intelenet.net  
Subject: Removal\_Request  
Content-Length: 382  
X-Lines: 14  
Status: RO

We have received your request to be removed from all  
of our mailing lists.

To complete the process, please write down the following token:

121500

Return to our website at <http://www.iemmc.org/validate.html>  
and input your token and your E-mail address as entered  
previously. You will then receive an E-mail confirmation  
of your removal.

Thank you for your time,  
IEMMC Webmaster

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I immediately responded with above number which was accepted but  
never received a confirmation.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name: Mary Casey Jacob

City: Killingworth

State: CT

Contact email address: [Jacob@NSO1.uhc.edu](mailto:Jacob@NSO1.uhc.edu)

Written submission:

For many people, access to the internet and to email is costly.

Unsolicited email increases that cost and is very much like unsolicited fax advertisements. I would like to see it made illegal for unsolicited advertisement email to be sent to people who did not themselves sign up for a particular mailing list. This is not, in my mind a question of freedom of speech but a question of illegal entry or theft. I can't think of another forum where a speaker has a right to force me to listen.

Thank you.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jacques Chevron

City:La Grange

State:IL

Contact email address:[jchevron@ais.net](mailto:jchevron@ais.net)

Written submission:

1./ How can "opt-out" work when a new list is very easy and cheap to create and where the number of lists that can be created by anyone is not limited.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jeff Hix

City:Bellevue

State:NE

Contact email address:JEFF68005@aol.com

Written submission:

Type your comments here:

We need an EMAIL address to forward the Uninvited Commerical Email (UCE) for the promised FTC action. It should be well publicized and clearly advertised on the WhiteHouse.gov and FTC web pages with no search required to find it.

It should be a dedicated address and cleaned out each workday. Ask America On Line's TOS SPAM staff or any Internet Service Provider (ISP) at the 9:00 a.m. session June 12th about the workload.

While I understand that the FTC has a valid purpose to hear from all sides, I am appalled that Mr Sanford Wallace was given such prominence by the commission. Based on his behavior over the last few years, Mr Sanford should be the target of FTC action or in jail.

There are a few ethical mass Emailers who would make far better representatives of the junk Email industry. I've just never received any Email from them.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jeff Hix

City:Bellevue

State:NE

Contact email address:JEFF68005@aol.com

Written submission:

Type your comments here:

The FTC needs to include a regulation that would require all Internet Service Providers (at the consumer's option) block ALL Internet E-mail addressed to the customer and return them to the sender with notice not to send any more E-mail to that account.

Any mass Emailer who fails to cease and desist should be subject to FTC action including a ban from doing business on the Internet in any manner

The FTC should further include in such regulation the option of the consumer the ability to still receive E-mail from other customers of the same Internet Service Provider.

I have that option at Compuserve and it has been very peaceful ever since I took that step.



The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jeff Hix

City:Bellevue

State:NE

Contact email address:JEFF68005@aol.com

Written submission:

Type your comments here:

On the matter of protecting children from abuse by users of the the Internet, there should be a regulation banning any Unsolicited Commercial E-mail (UCE) to anyone under the age of 21.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:James Jones

City:Clive

State:IA

Contact email address:[jejones@microware.com](mailto:jejones@microware.com)

Written submission:

Unsolicited bulk email is theft of services, and therefore should be illegal. The amount of junk email I receive has been increasing steadily despite peoples' efforts to prevent it--if there is EVER an action by government sanctioning it, then the Internet will be rendered totally unusable as it is saturated with endless streams of unsolicited advertising. Without some negative feedback mechanism, it will increase without bound--and the only mechanism I would find acceptable is that which works for all other modes of advertising, namely that the \*ADVERTISER\* pays enough to fund the medium. If Cyberpromo had to fund the Internet backbone, or paid for my Internet access, I'd accept junk email. Barring that, I refuse; he's stealing my time and money.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
[webmaster@democracy.net](mailto:webmaster@democracy.net) if any information is not correct.

Name:Jamie Hoglund

City:Monticello

State:mn

Contact email address:[jhoglund@skypoint.com](mailto:jhoglund@skypoint.com)

Written submission:

Internet email already has provisions for filtering email.

Rfc822 defines a "Precedence:" field that could be utilized.

Specify that all Unsolicited Commercial Email contain the word  
"Advertisement" or "Commercial" in this field, perhaps  
Commercial ; adult for material of an adult nature.

Using the Subject: field is not appropriate, because filtering  
software might filter out email that one does want.

Failure to follow the conventions would violate the new protocol,  
resulting in the offending site being barred from the internet.

That's my suggestion.

The following comment  
from <http://democracy.net/>. Please contact us at  
webmaster@democracy.net if any information is not correct.

Name:Jim Youll

City:Toledo

State:OH

Contact email address:jim@newmediagroup.com

Written submission:

I am a small business owner and administrator of an e-mail system  
serving our partners and employees.

Computers owned by Cyber Promotions were used in several major  
attacks on me and on our company between May 14 and May 26. Cyber  
Promotions computers sent out thousands of fraudulent messages  
bearing my name, then also began attacking my system with thousands  
of "bounced" (undeliverable) messages.

Though I had repeatedly NOTIFIED Cyber Promotions that this  
was happening, they did nothing about it until we finally convinced  
their internet provider to cut their lines, definitively proving  
that the Cyber Promotions computer was conducting the attack.

His software is called "Cyber Bomber" and that's an accurate  
description of how Sanford Wallace's computers were used  
against me.

Our system normally handles 50 messages on a normal day. During  
the attacks we were processing up to 20 messages per MINUTE for up  
to four hours at a time, and we have nearly had our service CUT  
by our provider on two occasions. I missed two weeks of work and when  
I don't work, I have no income.

There is also nothing "standard" about the software Cyber Promotions  
uses. It ASSERTS that it is disguising the message's sender, which  
makes tracking attacks very difficult.

I have been humiliated on a global scale, harassed, and almost put  
out of business by Sanford Wallace and his computer systems. I  
hope you will do something about this. Please!

The FBI and Scotland Yard are working on my case, but the true  
accountability rests with Sanford Wallace. He build and sold

the software. His machines attacked mine and sent out the fraudulent mail.

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Written submission:

I wish someone would ask why the "IEMMC filter" doesn't allow  
entire domains to be removed - each individual has to enter his or  
her e-mail address.

Imagine how hard it would be for IBM to add all its employees  
to the removal list.

The process requires TWO visits to the website PLUS acceptance  
of two e-mail messages... per e-mail address.

And many, many people have more than one e-mail address...

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Written submission:

Junk email is theft of my resources and my time. I did one posting from a brand new work account and received over 200 junk emails in 3 weeks, none of which I was remotely interested in. I had to spend time reading some of each because the subject headers in most cases gave no or very little indication of what the message was about. They typically would say something like "I read your post", only to advertise some junk MLM or other scam. In addition, the mailings ranged in size from 50 to 100K in size.

A technical solution is not possible in my case because I work for a major corporation that uses a Lotus Notes server which converts internet mail directly into a Notes format. I cannot filter and cannot determine the true origin of the email because the Lotus Notes internet email gateway does not give me that capability. Most of the information is lost. So I end up wasting my time at work going through the junk email. All of which resulted from just one posting.

In addition, I have to use my disk space, my time to read and my connection time for junk email I receive at home for my personal account.

I have had to create a bogus email account to do postings and I cannot post anything with my true email address. If I post from my America Online account I get spammed. So I use a contorted way of posting from my work account with bogus info. I list my email address as a munged collection of characters with instructions to the readers on how to send me mail. I am concerned any personal information I post would attract spammers, kind of like bees going to honey.

I am unable to remove myself from all the spammers listings and I will continue, probably for years, to get junk email at work because of one posting.

This is very frustrating to me.

There are several questions that need to be answered by the email marketers.

Several questions that arise would be:

- 1- How would advertisers reimburse users that receive junk email for the use of their disk space, download time and personal time involved in reading and storing the email. I have only heard the issue of reimbursing ISPs being addressed by Spamford and IEMMC.
- 2- How can spammers be forced to use their true ip addresses so I can even setup a filter, providing such a capability existed in my mailer?
- 3- IEMMC is supposed to be the solution by giving an opt out capability and it is totally voluntary. Then how do you propose to handle those spammers that are not part of the IEMMC, do not want to pay membership fees in IEMMC, and consider it an intrusion to have their address list filtered?
- 4- Cyberpromo has provided many of the spam services to email marketers. They claim that they will abide by the rules of the IEMMC. Yet they disclaim all actions of their customers and allow them to send whatever spam they want and to use bogus addresses. Cyberpromo sells software that enables this to happen. What changes will be made in software and policy to prevent bogus addresses and headers and will force emailers to use their true addresses.



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Written submission:

Please do not be taken in by the false notion that banning unsolicited bulk email would be censorship in any way. That would be like saying that forbidding the playing of loud music in a library listening room is censorship. The problem is not with the content of the message. The problem is with the extremely high noise to signal ratio. No medium can survive having a noise level as high as email will have if bulk unsolicited email is allowed to continue to grow the current rate. Since there is no content in unsolicited bulk email that could not be made available via an opt-in mailing list, what is the justification for allowing opt-out marketing in such a fragile medium?

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Written submission:

Have you considered the mandatory tagging of the e-mail header? A great deal of research has been undertaken in this methodology, the results of which you may find at <http://www.interact-net.com/spam> As a technical solution, it would provide five benefits: easy to implement, stable & reliable over the network, provides legitimacy to DM'ers, provides reliable privacy to netizens, and provides a "push technology" of maximum benefit for the netizens who desire it.

Please review the option thoroughly before coming to a conclusion. Once again, the tagging concept has been research, and is still undergoing research for its completion so that we can present to the government a perfectly working model.

Thank you for your time.

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Written submission:

For your information, Sanford Wallace's claim that the spammer pays his share of the brunt of the costs for delivery is technically inaccurate. A single outgoing message being sent to a million recipients is sent as one message with a million recipients. Once the one message is received by the end host (assuming all the recipients belong to the one host), it is then broken down into a million messages, each with a single recipient. Therefore, while it may cost \$.02 for a spammer to send a spam, it costs \$2,000 for the recipient host to receive the spam, to say nothing of the costs of transporting the spam across the network.

To summarize, a spam is written as a SINGLE MESSAGE with MULTIPLE RECIPIENTS. It is received as MULTIPLE MESSAGES, each with a SINGLE RECIPIENT.

The end-recipient bears almost \*all\* the costs.

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June 12, 1997

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Dear Federal Trade Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Unsolicited Commercial Email (UCE).

I work as a computer consultant and have used the Internet for both personal and professional purposes for over 3 years. In the last two years, UCE has risen from something that was somewhat informative to something that is overwhelmingly bad. In 1995, I received a few, if any, items of UCE per month. They were sent by legitimate companies that sometimes had a product I was interested in. They used their own email addresses to send the ad, and responding (either positively or negatively) was easily accomplished.

All that has changed.

In 1996 and 1997, UCE has risen to monstrous levels. As detailed from my records in Appendix A of this document, from January 1, 1997 through June 11, 1997, I have received over 200 pieces of UCE, almost all with forged return addresses and some making blatantly illegal pitches such as pyramid schemes. I have found it to be impossible for many reasons to be removed from these "advertiser's" lists.

I will attempt to answer some of the Commission's questions below:

## Unsolicited Commercial E-mail

2.16 How widespread is the practice of sending unsolicited commercial e-mail? Are privacy or other consumer interests implicated by this practice? What are the sources of e-mail addresses used for this purpose?

As noted above, I have noted a dramatic increase in UCE in the past two years. I see a close parallel between the popularity level of the Internet and the level of UCE received.

The main sources of email addresses used for sending UCE are, without question, Usenet and the World Wide Web. Numerous products are advertised (even in UCE) for just this purpose. As a test of this theory, I opened an email account with USA.NET and changed my return e-mail address in my Usenet postings to this address. Within days of my first posting under this address, the UCE began arriving. That UCE is not included in Appendix A below as I have USA.NET delete it.

Consumer privacy is affected by UCE in that participation in public arenas of the Internet (such as Usenet newsgroups) opens the individual to the certainty of receiving large numbers of unwanted junk that takes time and often money to deal with. By analogy, were I to attend a social function and hand out my business card so that a discussion could be continued at a later time, a mailbox full of junk mail should not be the result. If it were, you would expect to see people either speaking to each other anonymously or simply not speaking at all. Online, both cases are now commonplace. I rarely enter Usenet discussions anymore since I am well aware what they will bring.

2.17 What are the risks and benefits, to both consumers and commercial entities, of unsolicited commercial e-mail? What are consumers' perceptions, knowledge, and expectations regarding the risks and benefits of unsolicited commercial e-mail?

Personally, due to the number of dubious offers of the pyramid variety that I have received, and due to the fact that almost all UCE comes with faked return addresses, I simply would not consider doing business with a company that sent me UCE. It brings to mind the image of a man hawking watches on the street who accosts you and displays his wares of dubious value from an opened trenchcoat.

2.18 What cost does unsolicited commercial e-mail impose on consumers or others? Are there available means of avoiding or limiting such costs? If so, what are they?

The personal cost to myself is based more on time than money. I have had to spend countless hours complaining to Internet Service Providers about the actions of their users.

I find the more disturbing cost to be on the backbone providers and those who operate the mail servers themselves. UCE uses a significant amount of bandwidth to be delivered and everyone who owns or supports the infrastructure pays for it. When a purveyor of UCE forges a return address to that of an innocent third party whose mail server buckles under the volume of mail from not only angered recipients but from undeliverable email, the cost can be high indeed. Cyber Promotions is, at the time of this writing, the defendant of a lawsuit alleging just this practice.

2.19 Are there technological developments that might serve the interests of consumers who prefer not to receive unsolicited commercial e-mail? If so, please describe.

There are none. Many people point to the use of filters to keep from receiving UCE, but do not realize the simple fact that you must receive it to filter it. The cost burdens as described above still exist. Also, since a consumer can only filter messages based on the sender or the subject, both of which are changeable and forgeable by the sender, the benefit is rendered useless indeed.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

Those purveyors of UCE portray themselves as benevolent businessmen just out trying to make a living. I find this not to be the case; if the local shops around my home persisted in the kinds of practices that UCE purveyors do, they would find themselves without customers. However, given the global audience of the Internet, UCE senders are quite willing to accept business from the small fraction of their recipients who respond favorably. After all, someone else is footing the majority of the tab for the mailings!

I wish to call to mind two other instances where advertisers invaded the privacy of consumers to the point in which government intervention was deemed the only solution - junk faxing, and telemarketing. I think it is more than fair to say that junk faxing and harassing telemarketing are paled by comparison to the epidemic of UCE today.

On a final note, one of the largest junk faxers and arguably the individual most responsible for the junk faxing legislation is the President of Cyber Promotions, Sanford Wallace. And here, we find history repeats itself, yet again.

Thank you for your time.

JOSEPH L. TOMASONE, JR.

APPENDIX "A"

UCE RECEIVED FROM ALL DOMAINS (1/1/97 - 4/12/97) AND NON-CYBER  
PROMOTIONS DOMAINS (1/1/97 - 6/11/97):

| FROM                                                | TIME     | DATE          | SIZE | SUBJECT              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------|----------------------|
| CV Communications                                   | 05:11 AM | 1/4/97 -0500  | 4    | INNOVA               |
| COMMUNICATIONS, INC.<br>specials@shoppingplanet.com | 01:49 PM | 1/4/97 GMT    | 13   | PC Shopping          |
| Planet - End of the year Specials<br>ribbon         | 12:29 PM | 1/4/97 -0800  | 2    | COMPUTER USERS       |
| 07:24 AM 1/6/97 PST                                 | 1        |               |      |                      |
| Scanman@answerme.com                                | 09:36 AM | 1/8/97        | 8    |                      |
| "COMPUTER-ERASE" BAD CREDIT?                        |          |               |      |                      |
| Daryl Keller                                        | 01:18 AM | 1/9/97        | 3    | HAM RADIO 2000       |
| CD-ROM SPECIAL OFFER!!!                             |          |               |      |                      |
| bizop@isp-inter.net                                 | 10:28 PM | 1/8/97 -0500  | 4    | (UCE) ACCEPT         |
| CREDIT CARDS                                        |          |               |      |                      |
| kari                                                | 04:58 PM | 1/9/97 PST    | 4    | Get Results Quickly! |
| martin109@Treasure.com                              | 07:10 AM | 1/11/97 -0500 | 5    | FREE Internet        |
| - Internet Secrets!                                 |          |               |      |                      |
| sue@liame.com                                       | 01:02 AM | 1/15/97 PST   | 2    | Part-time            |
| executive income                                    |          |               |      |                      |
| NetBiz Informer                                     | 02:52 PM | 1/18/97 -0800 | 21   | NBI Issue            |
| <No.28> - "Can You Really Make a Living Online?"    |          |               |      |                      |
| Rhode Island Business Net                           | 12:48 PM | 1/21/97 -0500 | 2    | RAM CHIP SALE!       |
| melissa@pleasuregirls.com                           | 09:45 PM | 1/23/97 PST   | 1    | New Site             |
|                                                     | 04:36 PM | 1/28/97 PST   | 2    | Talk to me           |
| AT&T WorldNet Postmaster                            | 10:57 AM | 1/29/97 -0500 | 5    | Re: JUNK MAIL        |
| Talk to me                                          |          |               |      |                      |
| Pryor & Associates                                  | 03:40 AM | 2/1/97 PST    | 2    | It's Dangerous out   |
| There... PROTECT YOURSELF!                          |          |               |      |                      |

|                                                 |                        |    |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| staff                                           | 07:21 PM 2/2/97 -0800  | 2  | Your Site can be       |
| Buzzing by tomorrow!                            |                        |    |                        |
| jasonb23@m9.sprynet.com                         | 11:22 PM 2/4/97 +0000  | 11 | SUMMER                 |
| Quantum Communications                          | 06:37 PM 2/4/97 -0500  | 9  | New and                |
| Unique Service You'll Never "Forget"            |                        |    |                        |
| CUPID@VALSENSEONG.COM                           | 11:26 AM 2/8/97 PST    | 2  |                        |
| VALENTINES!!! "UNIQUE GIFT!!                    |                        |    |                        |
| Info Account                                    | 04:39 AM 2/11/97 +0000 | 3  | " Be My Valentine "    |
| http://www.webspawner.com                       | 08:10 AM 2/12/97 PST   | 1  |                        |
| http://www.webspawner.com/users/warningwarning/ |                        |    |                        |
| IntPolling@ipoll.com                            | 12:47 PM 2/15/97 Time  | 2  | Should                 |
| medicinal use of marijuana be legal?            |                        |    |                        |
| mail                                            | 04:49 PM 2/15/97 +0000 | 2  | Shadow Group           |
| Promotion                                       |                        |    |                        |
| jim                                             | 08:58 PM 2/15/97 PST   | 3  | The Best Free stuff on |
| the net - UNDERGROUND !                         |                        |    |                        |
| bob@businessseek.com                            | 07:46 PM 2/18/97 +0100 | 3  |                        |
| BUSINESSEEK                                     |                        |    |                        |
| Shawn A. Miller                                 | 09:24 PM 2/18/97 EST   | 2  | Re: Your Site          |
| can be Buzzing by tomorrow!                     |                        |    |                        |
| tlj006@mail1.rcsntx.swbell.net                  | 09:10 AM 2/20/97 +0000 | 22 | PLEASE                 |
| READ TWICE!                                     |                        |    |                        |
| tlj006@mail1.rcsntx.swbell.net                  | 09:10 AM 2/20/97 +0000 | 22 | PLEASE                 |
| READ TWICE!                                     |                        |    |                        |
| floodgate@alliance.com                          | 11:56 PM 2/20/97 -0500 | 19 | Bulk Emailing          |
| RHS Linux User                                  | 05:09 AM 2/21/97 -0800 | 6  | Short time             |
| limited offer                                   |                        |    |                        |
| Postmaster                                      | 03:31 PM 2/21/97 -0600 | 1  | RE: PLEASE READ        |
| TWICE                                           |                        |    |                        |
| E PROMO                                         | 06:41 PM 2/23/97 +0000 | 5  | Adlist0207a            |
| 3i Supervisor                                   | 04:56 AM 2/28/97 -0600 | 4  | The Truth about Web    |
| Masters Payout\$\$\$                            |                        |    |                        |
| freedom@econopromo.com                          | 04:19 PM 2/28/97 -0600 | 16 | FREE                   |
| Information for You !                           |                        |    |                        |
| Travel97@Juno.com                               | 08:01 AM 3/3/97 PST    | 3  | FREE AIRLINE           |
| TICKETS 1-800-563-9641                          |                        |    |                        |
| kenny@li.net                                    | 09:15 PM 3/3/97 -0500  | 3  | Thinking about         |
| changing careers???                             |                        |    |                        |
| kenneth@byb.com                                 | 09:45 AM 3/8/97 +0000  | 2  | I can really help you  |
| Wcan@compuserve.com                             | 03:44 AM 3/12/97 -0500 | 18 | DON'T                  |
| DELETE!                                         |                        |    |                        |
| chris2534@gci.com                               | 10:34 PM 3/12/97 +0000 | 3  | Computer               |
| sigman@public.com                               | 03:27 PM 3/16/97 EST   | 23 | Hello...               |



|                                  |                        |    |                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Damon@nmsystems.com              | 11:46 PM 3/18/97 +1600 | 3  | Career Opportunity                                              |
| Catuccio,Scott                   | 02:50 PM 3/18/97 Time  | 2  | Attaining Happiness, Self-Confidence & Peace                    |
| bulkemail@mediabrokers.com       | 05:18 PM 3/18/97 EST   | 5  | Purchase Custom E Mail Lists                                    |
| root user                        | 05:34 PM 3/18/97 -0600 | 2  | Future and Past                                                 |
| A.Friend@Your.Future.Net         | 11:55 AM 3/20/97 EST   | 2  | FINANCIAL TURNAROUND!                                           |
| f0864562@popd.netcruiser         | 10:25 PM 3/20/97 +0000 | 3  | THANK YOU!                                                      |
| A.Friend@Your.Future.Net         | 05:48 PM 3/20/97 EST   | 2  | FINANCIAL TURNAROUND!                                           |
| Its me!                          | 04:39 PM 3/20/97 -0800 | 2  | Go to                                                           |
| http://www.cwfa.org <-Its hot!!! | and morally good for   |    |                                                                 |
| SIGHTINGS@SPYDEE.NET             | 03:17 PM 3/21/97 +0000 | 3  | LONG DISTANCE FOR A NICKEL PER CALL                             |
| startech@thelinks.com            | 10:43 PM 3/21/97 +0    | 6  | Auto Response for StarTech                                      |
| team@nr.net                      | 03:04 AM 3/25/97 -0500 | 2  | Free Service                                                    |
| MAILER-DAEMON@uunet.uu.net       | 04:07 PM 3/25/97 -0500 | 11 | It's Only Your Money !!!                                        |
|                                  | 05:37 PM 3/28/97 EST   | 10 | It's Our Money !!!!!                                            |
| IGNORE THIS MESSAGE (SPAMMAIL)   | 05:53 PM 3/28/97 EST   | 3  | Light go wind time run look for back                            |
| Postmaster's Desk                | 12:28 AM 3/29/97 -0800 | 1  | HOT SPOT!                                                       |
| extractor@fullmkt.com            | 10:21 PM 3/31/97 -0500 | 2  | Extractor Pro - Free Demo Software!                             |
| jennisc@pctechzest.com           | 05:19 AM 4/1/97 EST    | 3  | Need Money AND a Credit Card? Call us and BE Approved! We Say Y |
| a@c.nnet                         | 12:30 PM 4/4/97 +0200  | 3  | It's Here                                                       |
| protect@l1ife.force9.net         | 07:01 AM 4/4/97 EST    | 2  | Property PROTECTION!!                                           |
| Sherry@Darlene@survusmail1.com   | 01:24 PM 4/4/97 EST    | 3  | Hello                                                           |
| DanW@gll.com                     | 08:14 PM 4/5/97 +0000  | 11 | Summer                                                          |
| lwisdom@all.us.need.com          | 11:52 AM 4/6/97 EST    | 22 | What? This is it?                                               |
| mail.inupiak.com                 | 09:07 PM 4/6/97 -0400  | 2  | Hi                                                              |
| kong@knwtn.com                   | 05:51 PM 4/7/97 +0000  | 3  | unfair advantage                                                |
| fred@nowhere.com                 | 05:11 PM 4/8/97 EST    | 2  | Executive Income!                                               |
| mailman@domaol.net               | 02:52 AM 4/9/97 EST    | 8  | WORK AT HOME!                                                   |

|                                                                               |                        |    |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|----------------------|
| mailman@domaol.net<br>HOME!                                                   | 04:38 AM 4/9/97 EST    | 8  | WORK AT              |
| LRS@getstartednow.com<br>MONEY AT HOME!                                       | 01:00 AM 4/10/97 EST   | 8  | MAKE                 |
| Experienced Denim                                                             | 03:30 PM 4/10/97 -0500 | 8  | Online Radio Auction |
| lisaloud@juno.com<br>Grants Available                                         | 12:11 AM 4/11/97 EST   | 2  | Small Business       |
| Svetlana<br>service: Meet russian ladies !                                    | 03:42 AM 4/12/97 PDT   | 3  | FREE Introduction    |
| MicroWarehouse<br>MicroWarehouse Blowouts!                                    | 09:26 AM 4/12/97 -0400 | 9  |                      |
| Money@wow.now.com<br>900 Busine\$\$                                           | 06:37 PM 4/12/97 EST   | 11 | Get Into The         |
| ByteSize CD-ROM<br>2000 CD-ROM SPECIAL OFFER!!!                               | 11:08 AM 4/13/97       | 3  | ELECTRONICS          |
| Make@MoreMoneyNow.com1<br>Start Your Own 900 Busine\$\$ <===                  | 12:24 PM 4/13/97 EST   | 11 | ====>                |
| sharront@fmpmte.com<br>AND a Credit Card! All you have to do is Call for a YE | 08:55 PM 4/13/97 EST   | 3  | Get Cash             |
| 23216584@17403.com<br>AND a Credit Card! All you have to do is Call for a YE  | 09:00 PM 4/13/97 EST   | 3  | Get Cash             |
| callnow@friendsinbiz.com<br>Possible with Unique New Product !!!              | 04:07 AM 4/14/97 EST   | 2  | Collossal Income     |
| savebig@moneyspider.com<br>HOTELS, AIRFARE & RESTAURANTS                      | 09:26 AM 4/19/97 EST   | 2  | SAVE BIG on          |
| ByteSize Software<br>CD-ROM SPECIAL OFFER!!!                                  | 10:09 AM 4/20/97       | 3  | VISUAL BASIC 2000    |
| IDEALmlm@hotmail.com<br>Money in MLM ..\$\$\$                                 | 05:58 AM 4/20/97 EST   | 3  | Show Me the          |
| information@nowhere.org<br>\"GolfBalls Unlimited, USA\"                       | 12:15 AM 4/21/97 Time  | 7  | your website         |
| Balls....                                                                     | 06:36 AM 4/21/97 -0400 | 3  | About Golf           |
| Netcom Abuse Department<br>your report                                        | 05:03 PM 4/21/97 -0700 | 2  | Thank you for        |
| 72302273@15185.com<br>Dreams!                                                 | 02:39 PM 4/23/97 EST   | 5  | Save Your            |
| 87993440@03328.com<br>#1 MoneyMaker                                           | 06:00 PM 4/23/97 EST   | 21 | The Alltime          |
| computermonitor<br>DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH                                   | 03:21 AM 4/24/97 +0000 | 3  | MONITORS,            |
| 57252290@04909.com<br>On The Net                                              | 10:45 PM 4/23/97 EST   | 2  | Best Videos          |
| work@it-does.com                                                              | 12:50 AM 4/24/97 EST   | 8  | Re: Your             |

dan hufnal 01:18 PM 4/25/97 -0700 3 We Do it for you !!  
TheGood@Phonepeople.com 04:52 AM 4/26/97 EST 2 FREE  
\$10 Phone Card.....Just for asking!  
bizaman@visi.net 11:16 AM 4/26/97 -0400 2 RE: I saw your post  
mary@cb66.com 12:46 PM 4/26/97 EST 4 CABLE  
DESCRAMBLER...Build Cheap & Easy!  
CALL@TOLL.FREE 02:38 PM 4/27/97 EST 3 >>>  
9.9 LONG DISTANCE <<<<  
find@atypical.com 08:04 PM 4/28/97 -0700 3 IT'S HERE !  
epromo 12:01 PM 4/29/97 +0000 8 Descramble  
Cable TV Inexpensively  
Europa Administration 05:30 PM 4/29/97 -0700 2 Spam from  
DIAL-ACCESS.ATT.NET (was Re: IT'S HERE !)  
promote4u@22728.com 12:29 AM 4/30/97 EST 2 Proven Money  
Maker!  
16978738@21070.com 01:38 AM 4/30/97 EST 2 Show Me The  
Money !!!  
Mail AutoResponder 07:12 AM 4/30/97 -0400 20 \*\* Information You  
Requested .. \*\*  
tpnprime@kktv.com 11:36 AM 5/1/97 -0600 2 Satellite Television  
\$\$  
extractor@mail-response.com 03:49 PM 5/2/97 -0400 2 re: your  
website hits  
YES! 10:58 PM 5/4/97 EST 2 YOU ARE  
APPROVED!  
anitakg@laybadd.com 12:35 AM 5/5/97 EST 2 18 & Over  
Only Please..... :)  
Bob.Baily 04:48 AM 5/5/97 -0700 3 Are You In Need Of  
A Lifestyle Change...  
MAC166688@mail2w.prodigy.net 12:48 AM 5/8/97 +0000 23 Please, read  
this TWICE!  
Free Internet Access 07:17 PM 5/8/97 -0400 3 Hi!  
Bill@first-star.com 06:07 AM 5/10/97 -0400 2 FREE LONG  
DISTANCE  
MarkB@cybere.creative.net 10:57 AM 5/10/97 PDT 2 Are You In Need Of  
A Lifestyle Change...  
M2C 02:00 PM 5/10/97 -0400 3 Free Job And Resume  
Posting At The New US Resume  
MarkB@cruz.isle.net 01:16 PM 5/10/97 PDT 2 Are You In Need Of  
A Lifestyle Change...  
respond@arcturus.net 04:21 AM 5/11/97 EDT 2 Dynamic  
Online Income Opportunity

|                                                                                 |                        |    |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 59532011@usa.net<br>MASS MAILER!                                                | 02:16 PM 5/11/97 EST   | 10 | NEW...SONIC          |
| vidsex@bigfoot.com<br>Internet Today!                                           | 08:36 PM 5/11/97 EST   | 2  | Hottest Thing On The |
| respond@arcturus.net<br>Online Income Opportunity                               | 02:21 AM 5/12/97 EDT   | 2  | Dynamic              |
| DG Publishing<br>requested                                                      | 11:26 PM 5/12/97 +0800 | 50 | Info you             |
| extractor@e-offers.com<br>Global Income Opportunity                             | 12:55 PM 5/12/97 -0700 | 2  | Powerful             |
| imsco@ginternet.com<br>Satellite Dish\$BIZ\$                                    | 11:48 PM 5/12/97 EST   | 3  | Digital              |
| ben<br>Millions                                                                 | 10:48 PM 5/12/97 PDT   | 6  | Mail Your Message to |
| usa@quantcom.com<br>YOUR WEBSITE---\$SALES\$ FOR YOUR BUSINESS                  | 06:34 AM 5/13/97 -0400 | 2  | GET \$TRAFFIC\$ TO   |
| Vern Lybbert<br>program and make \$\$\$ !!!                                     | 08:07 AM 5/13/97 -0600 | 22 | Try this simple MLM  |
| Windansea Publishing<br>Becomes Filet Mignon... For You                         | 05:19 PM 5/13/97 EST   | 6  | Spam                 |
| Post Office Administrator<br>requested                                          | 03:22 PM 5/13/97 -0700 | 2  | Re: Info you         |
| frank<br>Millions                                                               | 12:05 AM 5/14/97 PDT   | 6  | Mail Your Message to |
| Comcarl@aol.com<br>cents/min. Rates! NEW MLM                                    | 06:39 PM 5/14/97 -0400 | 3  | 5.5 - 8.9            |
| 48387762@bigfoot.com<br>ON YOUR INKJET SUPPLIES                                 | 10:59 PM 5/15/97 EST   | 3  | SAVE 50%             |
| promotions@bigfoot.com<br>On Internet!!!                                        | 02:47 AM 5/16/97 PDT   | 3  | New Industry         |
| GET.RICH.QUICK@adgrafix.com<br>INYO \$20,000.00 THIS REALLY WORKS TRY IT        | 05:39 AM 5/16/97 EST   | 22 | TURN \$20.00         |
| Guardian Global Telecomm<br>9.9cpm & 10.9cpm Long Distance Rates - All 50 State | 11:15 AM 5/16/97 PDT   | 9  | GUARANTEED!          |
| Marylou@net-cci.com<br>18 Or Over                                               | 07:51 PM 5/17/97 EST   | 2  | You Must Be          |
| chaseman@usinternet.com<br>you requested                                        | 03:55 AM 5/18/97 -0500 | 3  | Information          |
| bin<br>Mailpromo_Auto_Response                                                  | 03:01 PM 5/18/97 -0600 | 4  |                      |
| millions@millions.com<br>How to save 10% on gas and fuel!                       | 10:41 AM 5/17/96 -0400 | 2  | FREE INFO!           |

|                                                     |                        |    |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| rasheed@desertinn.nvwest.com                        | 05:10 PM 5/18/97 EST   | 8  | NATURAL                |
| HEALTH CREDIT CARD                                  |                        |    |                        |
| Success                                             | 10:58 AM 5/20/97 CDT   | 2  | Is your                |
| income truly secure?                                |                        |    |                        |
| DStreet561@aol.com                                  | 10:16 PM 5/20/97 -0400 | 2  | Fwd: Work from         |
| Home Opportunity                                    |                        |    |                        |
| 401AD@juzdoit.com                                   | 04:37 AM 5/21/97 -0700 | 11 | Juz Do It . . . Today! |
| nitro@claythay.com                                  | 02:36 PM 5/20/97 EST   | 5  | *** IMPORTANT          |
| TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRAVEL CONTEST ***           |                        |    |                        |
| bob@itlcomm.net                                     | 11:38 PM 4/13/97 EST   | 5  | intl rates             |
| ITWORKS@ITDOES.COM                                  | 06:57 PM 5/20/97 +0000 | 8  | YOUR                   |
| FINANCIAL FUTURE...                                 |                        |    |                        |
| sawdad@wet.by.com                                   | 05:15 PM 5/22/97 EST   | 2  | OFFSHORE               |
| Mike                                                | 08:52 PM 5/23/97 PDT   | 2  | WEIGHT LOSS &          |
| SKIN CARE                                           |                        |    |                        |
| 47574189@usa.net                                    | 12:28 AM 5/23/97 EST   | 3  | Build Your Wealth      |
| Now & Protect It! -- Not MLM!                       |                        |    |                        |
| HotBabe@vol.it                                      | 09:26 PM 5/22/97 EST   | 2  | For Adults             |
| Only!                                               |                        |    |                        |
| ClubMail                                            | 11:58 PM 5/22/97 -0700 | 4  | Stuff for FREE!        |
| 39953265@best-service.com                           | 06:53 PM 5/23/97 EST   | 3  | Build Your Wealth      |
| Now & Protect It! -- Not MLM!                       |                        |    |                        |
| Gina@vol.it                                         | 07:56 PM 5/23/97 EST   | 2  | For Adults Only!       |
| 62376898@compuserve.com                             | 04:13 PM 5/24/97 EST   | 4  | Unbelievable !         |
| Stephanie@netcom.com                                | 06:28 PM 5/24/97 EST   | 2  | Only for               |
| Adults!                                             |                        |    |                        |
| ctek444u@hotmail.com                                | 09:05 PM 5/24/97 EST   | 2  | RE:                    |
| Affordable Web Site Hosting !!!                     |                        |    |                        |
| a75@casspelass.net                                  | 01:24 AM 4/17/97 GMT   | 5  | Newsletter             |
| 60525600@phantomcom.com                             | 10:33 AM 5/25/97 EST   | 3  |                        |
| Knowledge is Power / only if you use it             |                        |    |                        |
| 55999760@21171.com                                  | 10:18 AM 5/25/97 EST   | 2  | Blowout                |
| Computer Auction Online ** Computers from \$5.00 ** |                        |    |                        |
| rapid@savetrees.com                                 | 01:04 AM 5/28/97 GMT   | 2  | Discover Health,       |
| Wealth & Happiness!!                                |                        |    |                        |
| Victoria@ix.netcom.com                              | 04:11 PM 5/28/97 EST   | 2  | Adult Surfers          |
| Only!                                               |                        |    |                        |
| Peggy@ix.netcom.com                                 | 02:29 PM 5/28/97 EST   | 2  | For Adult              |
| Users Only!                                         |                        |    |                        |
| Victoria@ix.netcom.com                              | 12:20 PM 5/29/97 EST   | 2  | Adult Surfers          |
| Only!                                               |                        |    |                        |
| gomusic@netvigator.com                              | 03:20 AM 5/30/97 +0800 | 2  | Musical                |
| Instruments                                         |                        |    |                        |

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|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| kingonline@bigfoot.com                             | 12:29 AM 5/28/97 EST   | 3 | Accept Credit        |
| Cards Online!                                      |                        |   |                      |
| 72336031@juno.com                                  | 05:10 PM 5/30/97 EST   | 6 |                      |
| http://www.net-wwworth.com/MONEY.html              |                        |   |                      |
|                                                    | 05:33 PM 5/30/97 EST   | 1 | For your eyes only.  |
| 39099497@juno.com                                  | 06:54 AM 5/30/97 EST   | 9 | >> 27 MILLION        |
| EMAIL ADDRESSES...PLUS BONUSSES!                   |                        |   |                      |
| offshore@1creditnow.com                            | 12:17 AM 5/30/97 EST   | 3 | Credit               |
| inspector30.com@cot.net                            | 07:15 PM 5/30/97 EST   | 6 | ARE YOU              |
| BEING INVESTIGATED ????                            |                        |   |                      |
| frank                                              | 07:29 PM 5/30/97 PDT   | 6 | Mail Your Message to |
| Millions                                           |                        |   |                      |
| 99237865@compuserve.com                            | 02:14 PM 5/31/97 EST   | 5 | Finest Offer         |
| on Net !                                           |                        |   |                      |
| RnDenterprises@hotmail.com                         | 05:18 PM 5/31/97 -0400 | 8 | Earn Extra           |
| Income at Home                                     |                        |   |                      |
| pap329@hotmail.com                                 | 09:22 PM 5/31/97 EST   | 9 | WORK AT              |
| HOME FOR BIG \$\$\$\$\$                            |                        |   |                      |
| Bruce B                                            | 11:48 AM 6/4/97 -0700  | 2 | Query                |
| inquiry01c.com@primenet.com                        | 05:14 PM 6/1/97 EST    | 6 | ARE YOU              |
| BEING INVESTIGATED ????                            |                        |   |                      |
| cindy@hol.gr                                       | 11:11 PM 6/1/97 EST    | 2 | adults only          |
| inquiry01db.com@primenet.com                       | 08:51 PM 6/1/97 EST    | 6 | ARE YOU              |
| BEING INVESTIGATED ????                            |                        |   |                      |
| zbore@usa.net                                      | 11:20 PM 6/2/97 EST    | 9 | Free Money           |
| From Foundations For Personal/Business Use         |                        |   |                      |
| moneytree@savetrees.com                            | 11:14 PM 6/2/97 EST    | 2 | 6.95% APR            |
| Credit card + EARN residual INCOME                 |                        |   |                      |
| 36792353@compuserve.com                            | 10:06 PM 6/2/97 EST    | 5 | Finest Offer         |
| on Net !                                           |                        |   |                      |
| 67794504@aol.com                                   | 01:43 AM 6/6/97 EST    | 2 | \$\$\$ THE MOST      |
| POWERFUL MONEY MAKER IN EXISTANCE \$\$\$           |                        |   |                      |
| zap2u2@savetrees.com                               | 01:50 PM 6/6/97 -0700  | 3 | Nutrition            |
| Industry ALERT!!                                   |                        |   |                      |
| tools@brfox.com                                    | 05:37 AM 6/7/97 -0400  | 3 | Marketing tool       |
| homeowner@thejones.com                             | 03:14 AM 6/10/97 +0000 | 2 | How to Save          |
| \$159,000 interest on \$100,000 Home Mortgage Loan |                        |   |                      |
| cscent@juno.com                                    | 08:01 AM 6/10/97 EST   | 3 | \$\$\$ Earn          |
| \$40K Profit the First year!!!                     |                        |   |                      |
| homeowner@thejones.com                             | 03:19 AM 6/10/97 +0000 | 2 | How to Save          |
| \$159,000 interest on \$100,000 Home Mortgage Loan |                        |   |                      |
| Cybertech.Systems@usa.net                          | 08:11 PM 6/11/97 -0500 | 1 | Get MORE ORDERS      |
| For ANYTHING You SELL                              |                        |   |                      |

TOTAL 184

UCE RECEIVED FROM CYBER PROMOTIONS REGISTERED DOMAINS: 4/12/97  
- 6/11/97

| FROM                                         | TIME     | DATE          | SIZE | SUBJECT             |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------|---------------------|
| Mailhouse@savetrees.com                      | 10:16 PM | 4/12/97 -0400 | 4    | HOW TO              |
| TURN THE WORLD WIDE WEB INTO A MONEY MACHINE |          |               |      |                     |
| equishare@savetrees.com                      | 06:12 PM | 4/14/97 EST   | 2    | Make Big \$\$\$     |
| Online - Secret Revealed                     |          |               |      |                     |
| savebig@moneyspider.com                      | 03:50 AM | 4/16/97 EST   | 2    | HUGE                |
| SAVINGS on FOOD, TRAVEL & AIRFARE            |          |               |      |                     |
| cybertronix@savetrees.com                    | 09:49 PM | 4/17/97 -0400 | 4    | more info needed    |
| work@savetrees.com                           | 01:58 AM | 4/25/97 -0400 | 3    | booklet             |
| ginette@savetrees.com                        | 06:48 AM | 4/28/97 -0700 | 3    | HOT                 |
| INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY!!!                 |          |               |      |                     |
| cybermaxx@answerme.com                       | 11:12 PM | 4/29/97 EST   | 3    | Hide your           |
| email header!                                |          |               |      |                     |
| tnact@savetrees.com                          | 10:38 PM | 5/1/97 -0400  | 3    | Win the Battle of   |
| Your Buldge                                  |          |               |      |                     |
| ptt1@savetrees.com                           | 08:03 PM | 5/2/97 -0400  | 3    | Scanner \$19.95     |
| top@regulus.net                              | 02:26 PM | 5/5/97 -0400  | 2    | Look At             |
| This...                                      |          |               |      |                     |
| funnstuff@savetrees.com                      | 10:11 PM | 5/5/97 -0400  | 2    | Official            |
| Announcement!                                |          |               |      |                     |
| nelsonpubl@savetrees.com                     | 05:47 AM | 5/9/97 -0400  | 5    | Create & Maintain   |
| Your Own Web Site Totally FREE !!!           |          |               |      |                     |
| offer@savetrees.com                          | 01:22 PM | 5/12/97 -0400 | 24   | NEW!! Just Launched |
| March, 1997!!                                |          |               |      |                     |
| ptt@savetrees.com                            | 02:42 PM | 5/14/97 -0400 | 2    | E-mail addresses    |
| extraction software                          |          |               |      |                     |
| patch@savetrees.com                          | 07:10 AM | 5/15/97 -0400 | 4    | Hi !                |
| sales@realdeal.com                           | 12:20 AM | 5/16/97 -0400 | 2    | Cool Beans!         |
| digital@savetrees.com                        | 12:23 AM | 5/18/97 -0400 | 2    | Digital             |
| Satellites are Booming!                      |          |               |      |                     |
| service@fastresults.com                      | 01:55 AM | 5/18/96 -0400 | 2    | A Website           |
| Invitation...                                |          |               |      |                     |
| casual2@savetrees.com                        | 03:44 PM | 5/18/96 -0400 | 3    | Nutrition           |
| Drops to Wholesale!                          |          |               |      |                     |
| tnapt@savetrees.com                          | 03:52 AM | 5/20/97 -0400 | 3    | \$5,000 VISA -      |
| UNSECURED - GUARANTEED ISSUE                 |          |               |      |                     |

|                                 |                        |   |                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|
| homebiz@204.188.52.117          | 07:34 AM 5/20/97 -0400 | 2 | HELP           |
| WANTED                          |                        |   |                |
| ipo@mail.cyberbroker.net        | 10:11 PM 5/23/97 EST   | 3 | Smart Card DPO |
| \$1.60 per share!               |                        |   |                |
| EZCREDIT4U@savetrees.com        | 11:28 PM 5/28/97 -0400 | 2 | !! Guaranteed  |
| \$10,000 In Credit Within Days! |                        |   |                |
| showme@savetrees.com            | 03:37 AM 6/2/97 -0400  | 3 | 7.9 CENTS      |
| PER MINUTE!                     |                        |   |                |

TOTAL 24



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State:NY

Contact email address:JVPellegrino@sprintmail.com

Written submission:

i know this jumping of the subject but what about email bombs? do you think ao or these  
other big internet sevices can give maybe free software to protect against that?

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City:Somewhere

State:MD

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Written submission:

I feel it is unfair for businesses to send my unsolicited commercial email. I pay for my Internet service, connection, and my time. Unsolicited commercial email shifts the burden of advertising cost to the receiver of the email. This is WRONG! Just like fax machine junk mail which is now illegal, my resources are being tied up by volumes of junk mail. It interferes with my use of the Internet and disrupts my daily computer usage.

I do not consider my Web Page or my email posting as a license or invitation to receive unsolicited commercial email.

While many emails are starting to include 'remove' instructions, I find they do not work. The remove is either rejected or is not effective.

Thank you

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Name:Kevin Cody  
City:Kansas City  
State:MO  
Contact email address:[kecody@sound.net](mailto:kecody@sound.net)  
Written submission:  
Congress Folks,

Thanks for taking interest in this particular subject...because e-mail solicitation could pose a very costly problem for consumer such as myself as well as slow the internet as a whole. You see most "plain old" net users like myself, often do not have the opportunity to stop email downloads before the email arrives on our personal harddrives at home/office. You see there is a little button that says, "get mail." That's it...so I have to download it from my ISP's server (for which I pay to use) once on my harddrive I have paid to have this delivered to me...an analogy would be if the post office billed me to receive junk mail...Well that's about as brief as I can be...oh, please make a campaign finance reform so y'all can spend a lot more time doing the business of governing instead of getting re-elected..

Thanks, Kevin Cody

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Written submission:

As an Internet e-mail user since 1986, I was very pleased to learn that the FTC is investigating the deleterious effects of junk e-mail. I have primarily used the Internet to support my work as a software engineer, first working for a government aerospace contractor, then as a graduate student, and now working for an electronic publishing company.

As you may know, many savvy e-mail users have been installing and configuring filters to divert junk mail from their attention, or have been configuring their MUAs (mail user interfaces) to generate bogus return addresses to defeat the auto-responders and other mass mailing techniques -- of course, this latter approach also prevents individuals from sending meaningful responses without manual intervention. All of this effort is non-productive.

I haven't invested the effort to implement either of these approaches at my job, but I got so annoyed at the volume of junk mail that I was receiving at work and the time it takes to dispose of it that I began archiving it in November so I'd have evidence to present to my company (or the government!) when the opportunity arose. And in those seven months, I have archived 495 messages totalling 2.1 megabytes! (To be fair, a few of those messages are my complaints to the spammers' Internet service providers, and a very few are responses from the ISPs. But when the volume of junk mail became overwhelming, I stopped complaining.)

I appreciate your interest in these abuses and am hopeful that measures that don't inhibit everyone's ability to speak freely on the Internet can be put in place to curb them. And thanks for the opportunity to submit my comments.

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State:CA

Contact email address:[KGB@USSR.com](mailto:KGB@USSR.com)

Written submission:

I pay to have email privileges on the internet, much like I pay to have a Fax machine, and a phone line for it. I don't think it fair for people to have virtually free access to send me unsolicited commercial information. Another problem is how they are currently sending SPAM. There is no way to reply via email, The only things you can do usually is FAX them, or call a toll number. More importantly, from a marketing standpoint, I, and many people I know, refuse to buy anything which we learn of via SPAM. I normally print my SPAM email, which makes it illegal, according to the Telecommunications decency act .

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Written submission:

I am a self employed Network Marketer. I place 2-3 ads in different business newsgroups. I do not wish to alter my email address because I would like interested "prospects/customers" to be able to respond the easiest way possible and that is by clicking on the reply button. They do not have to remove or add anything to my address to get a hold of me. Every time I get on the net, I check my mailbox to check for responses from my ad.

I am getting pretty tired of seeing 16 new emails but only 3 were legitimate. By legitimate they were family, friends or a "prospect/customer" for my business. This is tonights count. I deleted most because there was no removal option. I replied and followed instructions to 6 of them for removal. Of the 6, 5 were kicked back to me due to fraudulent return email addresses. The other one, was an autoresponder sending me more spam.

I do not know if these returned addresses were actually fraudulent or if this "spammer" was terminated since sending the spam. Fraud is fraud and all net users should be enforced somehow to use their real address. I hope you folks can brainstorm and help the consumer fight "spam".

When I first got on the net, "I thought cool, I'm going to send an ad out to so many people and get them rolling into my business." Boy, did I learn quick. Users do not like spam. In fact my responsible ISP got 3 complaints and I got a warning that next time I'm through using their service. In fact my ISP took responsibility for me and helped me stop another spammer from sending me 4-5 emails a day with unsolicited commercial email.

Thank you for listening and giving the best effort on behalf of the consumers that do not like "spam".

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Name:Kevin S. Plant  
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Contact email address:ksplant@together.net  
Written submission:  
To: Federal Trade Commission  
Washington, DC

From: Kevin S. Plant  
184 Elmwood Ave., Apt 24  
Burlington, VT 05401

Re: June 12th, 1997 FTC Workshop on Unsolicited Commercial Email

Dear Members of the FTC,

After reading the textual content of S875 otherwise known as the "Electronic Mailbox Protection Act of 1997", I wish to contribute my thoughts and observations regarding such.

I am a frequent user of the Internet and have been subject to "Junk Mail" bombardment for some time now. Normally I support the "self-policing" concept when it comes to matters concerning the Internet. In my view, the fact that the Internet has remained unregulated reflects democracy at its best; more specifically, the freedom that comes with democracy.

However, I view "Junk Mail" or "unsolicited commercial e-mail" as a direct threat to the Internet network. Most troublesome to me is the fact that several Internet Service Providers (ISP) have recently been shut down as a direct result of bulk Junk Mail deliveries. These occurrences may be occasional now, but in my view it won't be long before this occurs on a large scale basis.

I know that you are well aware of individual Internet users and ISP's monetary loss resulting from ISP outages due to Junk Mail dispersements are significant. If an ISP also happens to be a "routing facility" servicing any aspect of the Internet such as e-mail and web traffic, then part of, or all of the Internet infrastructure suffers "net congestion" due to re-routed traffic if that site goes down. Simply put, there are less resources to facilitate the rapid flow of electronic traffic, and the only winners are Telephone Service Providers



at our expense.

I'd like to point out that enforcing Sec. 2, paragraph 8 (regarding e-mail address "harvesting" from an ISP) may be difficult to do in my opinion. However, Sec. 3, paragraph 9 and Sec. 4, paragraph 2 seem to be adequate deterrents to this practice and all others outlined in S875.

In closing, I applaud your collective efforts and swift action regarding Internet "Junk Mail". It is refreshing to know that our complaints did not fall upon deaf ears.

Therefore,

I embrace S875 whole-heartedly and will urge my Congressmen to do the same.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Plant  
Burlington, VT  
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Written submission:

I am listening to yesterday's workshop via RealAudio, and something that was regularly stated bothers me greatly. In the labeling concept, it is possible to filter out the messages \*without\* downloading the messages by screening the "envelope". Please visit <http://www.interact-net.com/spam> It is an inaccurate statement to say that the message must be downloaded (as has been said in yesterday's meeting) because SMTP can be extended (ESMTP) so that the envelop can contain additional commands and information. This would allow the message to be refused before it has even been sent. It also means that no matter how many e-mail spams are sent, no SMTP server must bear the costs if they are configured to refuse labeled/tagged spams.

Note that the subject line is not part of the envelope. Sen. Murkowsky's (Alaska) bill will not work because it is based on the subject line of the header of the e-mail message.

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Written submission:

Unsolicited commercial e-mail has a real cost to the recipient that is imposed by the sender. The sender has no right to impose this cost on the recipient without prior consent of the recipient.

Sanford Wallace contends that the cost of receiving unsolicited e-mail is no different than the cost of running your television during a commercial or the cost of disposing of third class mail. He seems to be overlooking the fact that the television service is paid for by the advertising and that the postal service is supported by monies received from senders for the delivery of third class mail but that a person's access to e-mail is not paid for by the receipt or delivery of unsolicited e-mail.

In other words, I can watch as much television as I want and my cost for the privilege is only the amount of power that I use. Similarly, my cost for the privilege of sending/receiving postal mail is as low as it is (compared to the rest of the world) because of the money received for the delivery of (unsolicited) third-class mail. However, I pay for the privilege of having a connection to the Internet. If I don't pay for it, I can't have it. No one else pays for my connection, especially those Internet users sending unsolicited e-mail.

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Written submission:

I believe junk mail on the internet should be treated the same as junk mail that comes through the post office. If you do not wish to receive junk email there should be an option to prevent unwanted solicitation. Especially when it involves adult contents and the viewing is unrestricted.

-MaryAileen

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Written submission:

Bulk email advertising stimulates the economy, just like TV advertising and bulk postal mail.

Bulk email causes no harm or damages, and can be easily deleted or filtered.

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Written submission:

My question for the FTC would be, if they think that the net or the junk mailers  
can self-regulate themselves, would they be willing to put in place an email  
address for the purpose of forwarding copies of junk mail to?

That way they could get a handle on the amount and type of junk email being sent.

Also, they could (if they wished) investigate any claims made in the advertisement.

This special email address could be announced in the usenet group  
[news.announce.important](mailto:news.announce.important) and [news.admin.net-abuse.email](mailto:news.admin.net-abuse.email).

I really wished that the net could self-regulate this, but methods that were employed in  
the past to stop it done.

Reporting a junk emailer to his ISP usually resulted in the ISP warning, then  
disconnecting the junk emailer.

What happens now when the ISP is in business to sell junk email lists and junk email  
software?

Again, before you could report him to his AP (access provider).  
Now, as in the case of AGIS and IDCI, the access providers refuse to do anything until  
there is a law against it.

Net self regulation step of last resort, taken by some was to emailbomb, packet storm  
and/ or pingstome the offending site.

Now, that site calls the FBI (again, as in the case of AGIS) and reports that there network  
suffered due to hacker attacks.

Was the net like the old west? Yes. The Good, Bad and Ugly.  
The Good usually dealt with the Bad and Ugly with methods that would not today be  
considered legal. The net was previously able to deal with the Bad and Ugly with  
methods that would not be considered legal.

But, like the west, when you bring in the women and children, churches and schools, some law and order had to follow.

The net was able to self regulate, but now due to the actions of a few we are forced to ask for government intervention... The only other options are illegal.

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Written submission:  
Type your comments here

I don't pay for my mailbox, and the junk mailer has to pay to fill it up with 3rd class mail.

I do,however, have to pay for my email box and the spammer doesn't have to pay to fill it up with garbage.

So in essence, I am paying for Spamford Wallace and others to have the opportunity to inflict messages upon me that I do not want to receive. There seems to be something very wrong with this picture.

I own an internet design and consultation company, and it would be very easy for me to spam the internet with solicitations. I will not do so.

Why not? Because I have a respect for bandwidth and other people rights.

Spamford Wallace did the same thing a few years back with junk faxes, tying up telephone lines and costing businesses fax paper and toner to receive unwanted junk advertisements. That was made illegal, so he found a new medium of electronic mass advertising - and doesn't care who he upsets.

Why should he be allowed to do this?



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Written submission:

I am concerned by the recent suggestions by FTC representatives that anti-spam and pro-spam forces sit down and work out a compromise.

Cost-shifting is a very real concern. This is why junk faxes were banned.

To suggest that we find a way in which we allow only a little bit of theft, or one in which we can protect our property after jumping through hoops for the spammers' benefit, is naive.

Junk e-mail will crush the network under its pink, spongy weight if it is legitimized by any government agency, including the FTC.

I urge you to leave the issue of unsolicited e-mail up to our elected representatives.

Thank you,

John Mozena

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Written submission:

what do you plan to do to eliminate the scourge of junk mail in this  
country - both electronic and otherwise? Another 'study'? No need.

The amount of \_waste of resources\_ is astronomical. Where does this  
issue fit in the so-called "Plan for the future"?

Whose future? \_Your\_ short-term lifetime future? The country's?

Remember: I never saw an armored truck following a hearse . . .

NO body lives forever . . .

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Written submission:

Type your comments here

I hope that the FTC will not be snowed by the likes as Stanford  
Walt Rines. These men are notorious liars and scam artists. They  
steal others computer resources (by third party relaying so that other  
computers they didn't pay for have to do their e-mailing for them).  
They hide behind forged headers and false return addresses. I am tired  
of having my employers resources and my ISPs resources wasted by these  
people. When I open my snail mailbox, I am not presented with a bill  
for postage due for the junk I receive there. Just because these men  
formed some official sounding council doesn't mean that they are somehow  
legitimate. I might remind you that the junk fax law was inspired  
mostly by Stanford. Walt Rines runs [quantumncom](http://quantumncom) which has sent me  
numerous pieces of junk e-mail I never requested. It is kind of like  
putting the fox in charge of the hen house. Their provider, [agis.net](http://agis.net)  
does not to hear from the rest of the internet about their customers. Since I complain to  
the providers after each junk e-mail, Agis has blocked my address and does not accept  
e-mail from me. They can dish it out, but they don't want to hear about it later. Please  
stop junk e-mail so that the internet can be useful again.

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Written submission:  
To whom it may concern:

I would you ask you to please recommend to include unsolicited email  
under the prohibition on unsolicited "junk" faxes:

1. A principal employer of "spam" services are pornographers, and  
I feel that it is unacceptable that one must read such mail  
only to reply to it to ask to be removed from their list.
2. The scavenging of email addresses interferes with the legitimate  
operation of any group that wishes to employ Usenet newsgroups,  
mailists, WWW pages, etc. to exchange information requiring  
publication of participants' email addresses. Participation of  
individuals in research consortia, remote collaborations,  
or interests groups will be deterred if they need to risk appearing  
on mass emailing lists that is not under their control.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Written submission:  
Dear Sirs,

I have read most of the FTC hearing excerpts and listened to the audio presentations.

I am in the Bulk Emailing Industry, have been now for 1 year. I doubt our company name Radman Internet Brokers has been mentioned in any of the hearings or that anyone has really complained about our practises.

Since we have been in business, we have NEVER forged our return address, all information about our company is on our website..which is included in the UCE..in the letters that we send out..there is a REMOVE option right at the top..our email address..telephone number and physical address is always in the contents of our letters.  
Our "Subject" is always: "Software Sales", "Software Discounts" or "commercial Email".

We get a lot of complaints, but I personally spend hours each day making sure that all REMOVES are honored, I personally reply to individuals that feel they have to reply back with vulgar language, threats of technical/physical nature, and in most cases, I get a letter back saying that I am one of the first to have the decency to write back.

Sirs, our business practises are not ILLEGAL..nor are they unethical. The Internet Community does have a problem with Unsolicited Email because of others that DO NOT respect the resources, DO NOT leave REAL return email addresses..and DO NOT sell a product that has any value to it.

Because of these practises, our business regardless of how we conduct it.including educating and continually keeping up with issues, BEO-Better Ethics Online, DMA-Direct Marketing Assoc. Spambusters...etc.. etc...is still accused of "SPAMMING", and we are targets of crazed individuals that feel they need to retaliate.

One of the biggest problems for the Internet Community is not ME sending Commercial Email..but those that retaliate with huge files.. Its these huge files that tie up servers..and backbones..the retaliators don't realize or don't care, that what they are doing is also very disruptive.

Another thing that most people don't think about is that by leaving our physical address..I am at risk. I have had garbage dumped on my front lawn, I have had my car tires slashed..and I am very careful going out at night because I never know if there is someone there lurking.

I feel confident, that during your hearings, you will not have heard or read about our Commercial Email because we follow guidelines and honor them. Even if that means sending out less email..I take the time to personally filter through each response..REMOVE ones that request it.. and I have actually forwarded threats to their providers..of which nobody has ever responded back acknowledging that such practises are not acceptable by their users.

The IEMMC would have been a good thing had the 5 founding members had a better reputation. Their business practises have caused this anarchy on the NET. Although, I personally would not like legislation to ban our business practises, I think that the FTC should set some guidelines so that we all have a fair chance in this business.

The IEMMC as I see it is just another way of monopolizing the Industry. Also...they are not and I doubt that they will be trusted by the Internet Community.

Here is an example: AGIS asked all the IEMMC members to stop sending an Email until the Global Filtration was in place. Sirs..during that 1 week period..I received 10 Emails from CyberPromotions. The FOUNDING MEMBER of IEMMC!!! Although I have applied for membership..as it seems that I am being forced to do so..I do not plan on using AGIS as a router/backbone..because I don't trust them or the IEMMC. I feel that they will steal my email lists..they themselves are not honoring their own policies and guidelines.

Until the government or FTC steps in and puts some LAWS in place, LAWS that we can live with and follow ethical business practises.. the ANTI-SPAMMERS will continue to harm our business..will continue to recruit more ANTI-SPAMMERS..and the anarchy will continue.

Please consider all issues involved. If my UCE business is banned.. I can live with that. I have other means of earning my income.. but..I really don't see any solutions to the UCE dilemma unless you set some DEFINITE guidelines.

1. A legitimate return address
2. AN option to REMOVE
3. An option to complain to a real person if the REMOVE was not honored.
- 4.The subject must state it is "Commercial Email".
5. The sender must leave a telephone number to contact the company.
6. Think about Junk Paper Flyers. I hate them..they take up space.. in my home..and I have to pay to disose of them. But at least on them, the company has left their name, address..telephone number where I can contact them.

I live in Canada..we don't have any laws governing Bulk Email, Our fax laws state that once you send an unsolicited Fax..you must leave a telephone number where the consumer can opt out. If that is not honored then it is considered breaking the law.

Please think about this.. I am frustrated..I feel that I am one of FEW that have never ever..disrespected my recipients wishes..I take the time to write back to everyone, and if these big companies have the technology, equipment, bandwidth to do their business..then they should surely hire some people that will manage their return mail to ensure that REMOVES are honored..and that they are selling a product of VALUE. That is the key word..savings..discounts..VALUE..not get rich quick schemes and MLM opportunities.

I am a single mother, and disabled, rather than living off the GOV.. I try and make a living with my hands.and raise my children. I have always been very honest about who I am..there are 25 ISP's in British Columbia alone..EVERY ONE of them know what business I am. I have never hidden the fact..and I am PROUD of what I do..and the business ethics that I live by. I do feel that as a business..I should have the right to advertise..just as big companies fill my box with paper junk mail..but there has to be guidelines here..and I can tell you that if they are not in place..the INTERNET COMMUNITY will not be able to self-regulate itself.

Consider Abortion and fur coats. They are neither illegal..yet the abortion clinics suffer millions of dollars in damages and DEATHS.. Trust me..it won't change. the IEMMC won't succeed..self-regulation will not succeed..we are in a growing industry..by the year 2000 we will

have over 100 million internet users..it will get worse.  
You need to step in..and set some regulations..or small business like  
me that are honest..work hard will suffer...

THank you for your time.

Paula Richardson



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Written submission:

We have lived with unsolicited telemarketing calls at our homes for years. Telemarketers are amongst the most despised individuals in our society. (Cheer up congress and lawyers!) We have not been able to get our lawmakers to ban these unwanted interruptions to our home life.

Why not have the same problem invade our computers? At work, all it will do is reduce productivity, increase business costs, and distract employees from their real tasks. At home, it will only cause people to drop off the internet and go back to watching TV - instead of learning about the world around them.

So I say let's allow all the SPAM the hucksters can throw at us. Why should we set any kind of standards for the way we live our lives? After all, even schmucks need to earn a living. Why not ruin the home and workplace environment for their benefit? (Surely they aren't able to get productive jobs because of a poor upbringing - not their fault...)

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Written submission:  
Type your comments here

I would strongly support regulations or laws which would require the following:

- All electronic transmissions (by telephone, FAX, e-mail, or other electronic means), where the transmissions is automatically sent to a given minimum (say 100 recipients), for whatever reason, a valid return address should be included in the transmission so that the recipient can contact the sender.
- Each sender should maintain a simple method for the recipient to request, at minimal inconvenience and cost, that he be removed from the mailing list. Upon such request, the individual should be permanently removed from the mailing list. The sender, if he purchased the name/address, should forward the remove-request to the seller of the list. Likewise, any such request should be forwarded up the line to all other secondary mailing list sellers.
- It might be good to maintain a centralized list of people who do not want to receive mailings.
- It would be reasonable to verify that one requested to be removed from a list is who he really claims to be.
- It is reasonable for one to be put on a mailing list for a specific company if one receives something of value from that company. The company should be able to resell names in this circumstance. The individual should be told, however, that he is being put on the mailing list and the options for removing himself from the mailing list.

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Written submission:  
Dear Sir:

I would like to voice support for "Opt-In" regulations on unsolicited commercial email (UCE), meaning that if I want to receive this stuff (which in my opinion, having received a lot of it, is mostly worthless junk offers), I specifically must put my name on lists. If I do not put my name on such lists, then I automatically DO NOT receive ANY UCE.

"Opt-Out" absolutely does not work, in spite of what Sanford Wallace claims. He is lying through his teeth. How do I know? I am constantly plagued with UCE from his sponsored sites, which says, to be removed from any further mailings, reply to this message with the word "Remove" in the subject. I constantly do this, and I constantly remain on their mailing lists. "Opt-Out" absolutely does not work. I continually receive worthless UCE from various-names@savetrees.com in spite of my repeated pleas to stop it.

Also, I ask you, if all of this UCE is legitimate and above board, why do the senders go to so much trouble to hide where the UCE is being sent from? I would think they would be proud of their emailings and want everyone to know where they originated from. Instead, they hide like roaches. They go to a lot of trouble to make sure no return path back to them is possible to determine! Why? Because they know their UCE infuriates thousands of people. They know they are deliberately using email addresses without the owners permission. They know they are doing something that is not accepted by the majority of their recipients. otherwise, they would gladly state where they could be found. That fact alone tells you what kind of people they are.

Sanford Wallace and those like him have used and abused my email address, WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. They have neither asked if they could use my email address, nor even informed me they were going to use it. I consider that they have stolen it. Furthermore, I have to pay higher charges in order to have my ISP forward this stuff, which I do not want. Then I have to use my time and money to clean it out of my email box. So I AM PAYING TO RECEIVE THIS JUNK UCE,

ABSOLUTE JUNK WHICH I DO NOT WANT, BUT WHICH I HAVE NO CHOICE  
BUT

TO PAY FOR. This is the unfairest business practice of all. Making people pay for something they do not want, and not giving them any choice in the matter. I thought "protection type schemes" were illegal. Then Cyberpromo, when you complain to them and ask them to stop the deluge of UCE, they send you back an automated reply that asks you to buy, for a charge, from them, software that is designed to filter out the stuff they created!!! This is Sanford Wallace at his best. It is no different than telling a business that bad things will happen to them unless they pay for protection every month. That is exactly what Sanford Wallace is all about. I think the word extortion is the proper term here.

Please sign into law and then enforce a mandatory "Opt-In" policy where I must specifically ask to receive UCE, otherwise, it is against the law to send it to me. This is the only workable solution since, I have valiently tried to "Opt-Out" at every opportunity, and have yet to be taken off of a UCE list. They just keep on selling my email address without my permission. Furthermore, check with the people they sell to. They tell them that the email addresses they are buying are from those who "want to receive their offers". I know, I've talked to some of them. This is just another in a series of lies that the Sanford Wallaces use to inflict their UCE on us.

Thank you.

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Written submission:  
Dear Sirs:

Unsolicited commercial e-mail, popularly known as spam, must be stopped.  
It is a waste of time and resources, costing users and Internet Service  
Providers both money and frustration every year.

In addition, it is nothing short than an electronic invasion of privacy  
and should be considered a violation of the Privacy Act of 1974. After all, if it's against  
the law to give out a person's home address or  
telephone number, then why should a person's e-mail address be any different?

Many e-mail addresses are "stolen" by individuals monitoring Usenet Newsgroups and  
employing "grabbers". The individuals that do this often offer the list  
of stolen e-mail addresses to others, for a fee. This literally develops into hundreds  
or thousands of instances of privacy violations through unsolicited commercial e-mail.

Many "spammers" often state that they are developing a "universal remove list"  
which will allow individuals to have their e-mail addresses removed. This is  
a laughable concept, as I have on several occasions attempted to have my address  
removed from lists, always to no avail.

I urge you to consider regulation of said activities by these unscrupulous individuals.  
Please  
put these people out of business.

Thank you.

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Written submission:

None of those present at Thursday's discussion represent all the email spammers and none of the technical or self-regulatory suggestions can address the activities of those spammers not associated with the folks present Thursday.

With a free trial version of email address harvesting software and a free trial subscription to an online service, a spammer can send millions of advertisements for zero cost. Even if he pays for his address list and his one month of service, the cost is still very small. With a post office box to receive payment for "goods" sold, a spammer does not even need to rely on a steady email address or web page. In short, he doesn't care if he needs to get a new account every time he spams and he doesn't care if each account he opens is terminated. He just needs enough time to send his ads.

These hit-and-run spammers have no reason to belong to the DMA or any internet marketing council and they have no reason to follow any rules or guidelines established by those entities. They have no reason to flag their ad as an ad (and therefore make it more easily filterable) and they have no reason to filter their address list through a "remove" list. All of these things require effort and limit their audience. And because they send their ads from a different place each time, they can not be filtered.

Having those present Thursday go away and discuss technical and self-regulatory means of stopping spam for a few months or a year will not accomplish anything because these efforts will do nothing to stop the hit-and-run spammers. And any self-imposed or technical restriction imposed on those spammers present Thursday will only turn all spammers into hit-and-run spammers.

At the rate my accounts are being made useless by spammers, I will be offline by the time you discover that delaying did not serve the good of anybody.

Thanks for your time,  
Mark Hughes  
rpgtools@aol.com

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Written submission:

Here's a sample hit-and-run spam. The spammer used a throw-away account at PSI to send this. He doesn't care if it gets terminated because he is relying on the USPS for payment and he can just get another throw-away account next time he spams. No self-regulatory guidelines will stop spams like this because nobody using a throw-away account and forged headers cares about being respectable.

Subj: Take Care of Yourself!  
Date: 97-06-12 13:05:10 EDT  
From: [40239384@internet.dk](mailto:40239384@internet.dk)  
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Return-Path: <40239384@internet.dk>

Received: from www.mel.aone.net.au (www.mel.aone.net.au [203.12.176.149])

by emin25.mail.aol.com (8.8.5/8.8.5/AOL-4.0.0)

with SMTP id GAA06903;

Thu, 12 Jun 1997 06:11:53 -0400 (EDT)

From: 40239384@internet.dk

Received: from 203.12.176.149 (ip11.oklahoma-city.ok.pub-ip.psi.net [38.11.193.11])

by www.mel.aone.net.au (8.6.13/8.6.11) with SMTP id UAA05377; Thu, 12 Jun 1997 20:11:41 +1000

Date: Thu, 12 Jun 97 04:52:47 EST

To: N2o3@aol.com

Subject: Take Care of Yourself!

Message-ID: <>

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IEMCC has stated that its remove list applies only to members, not to customers of members. Both AGIS and Cyber Promotions have sent me messages that they are not responsible for what their customers send me and that they refuse to take any action to prevent their customers from spamming me in the future (copies available on request). Given that, the claims by Rines and Wallace struck me as more than a little disingenuous.

I pay for my E-mail access; unsolicited E-mail constitutes theft and trespass.

I predict that if junk E-mail is not curtailed it will eventually kill off the current E-mail facilities of the Internet. That will harm not only private citizens like me but also corporate and government users.

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Written submission:

I do not feel bulk email should be made illegal, rather it should be held to a standard of ethics. Valid email addresses for a REMOVE request must be provided and acted on, using others servers without their permission must be banned also.

However, if a company uses their own servers, and provides a means for removal, and honors that remove request, I see no problem at all with bulk email, I have gotten many great deals on many items and services, that I was made aware of through email ads.

I applaud the efforts of Sanford Wallace, and the IEMMC in the system they are designing for the industry, which will provide for a global remove list for bulk emailers to filter their lists through. This type of professionalism is what will make bulk email a legitimate industry.

The bulk email industry is in it's infancy, it appears to be headed in the right direction (IEMMC), however I agree that some bulk emailers are very unethical, and they should be dealt with accordingly. Don't let a few bad apples ruin it for everyone. Bulk emailers need guidelines, not a ban.

Thank You,

Steve Spohn

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Written submission:

I strongly oppose ANY attempt to legitimize unsolicited commercial email (spam). The practice should be banned completely, much as was done for "junk faxes", and for the same reasons.

- 1) It costs ME money and time to download and store spam email.
- 2) It costs my ISP money to receive and store.
- 3) It costs the spammer almost nothing, so there is no incentive to target or maintain selective mailing lists.

Distinctive labeling is not an acceptable solution since it still places the burden and cost of receiving and filtering on the recipients.

Opt-out or "remove" lists do not (and will not) work for several reasons. First, spammers are notorious for "hit-and-run" spamming, using a particular address for only one mailing and then moving on to a new one to avoid complaints. In addition, spammers almost always forge the headers on their mail to avoid filters and/or effective responses. "Remove" lists are largely a ploy by the spammers to identify a working email address; replying to a REMOVE address almost always results in getting a flood of MORE SPAM. (That's when the address works at all, since most "remove" addresses are pure fiction.)

There is nothing in banning unsolicited commercial email which is content-based or might infringe on a person's right to free-speech. This issue is cost, which for spam email is paid by the recipients, not the advertiser. This is wrong and should be stopped.

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Written submission:

Sanford Wallace is not an ethical man. For instance, his excuse to send unsolicited email has changed from time to time. On one show, he proclaims that preventing the transmission of unsolicited email is a violation of free speech. That's true if the Internet were truly based in the United States, but the cold reality is that we are not. On his web site, however, he is out for profit and notoriety, which is unlike anything he would like to say to the greater public.

His company, Cyberpromotions, has invented a way to prevent his customers from being tracked by angry recipients by "cloaking" certain headers that trace the "spam" back to the sender. This is, of course, illegal in something we call "theft of service." In a best-case scenario, when mass-email is not relayed off half a dozen servers, it weighs down heavily on an ISP, communications-wise, by stealing other customers resources to entertain mass email. It is wrong and it is unethical to even think of.

In the event of retaliation, his so-called "Hypocrite" software sends thousands of emails back to angry recipients, which is also a drain on servers.

Sanford Wallace is, beyond a shadow of a doubt, a terrorist. He was responsible for the email attack that shut down America Online and its sister service, Global Network Navigator, for one full day last summer. Of course, you will never get such an answer out of Wallace whenever he faces trial. He has, in fact, been served with court orders on more than a few occasions. His reputation has been tarnished, and rightly so.

It is not necessary to say that Sanford Wallace is a liar. He lied about the bulk-email survey, stating 57% of the public actually love unsolicited advertisements, when no one on America Online I know has received such a survey, and believe me, I know alot. He lied about the apprehension of "Hacker X," where there was no followup to a great story of the most humiliating hack of all time. This is among other lies and scandals that Wallace faces everyday.

This man, Sanford Wallace, is indicitive of every other mass emailer on the Internet today. Are we to trust people like Wallace? Shall we let their so called "free speech" business statement ruin the Internet? And if that happens, will we be responsible for the destruction of a great computer network based on hard work and intelligence. Will we



allow profit to overrule intelligence? The choice is yours, members of the Federal Trade Commission.

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Written submission:  
Gentlepeople;

I would ask the FTC to carefully investigate the histories and backgrounds of the persons who testified at the June 12, 1997 hearings before giving them any weight whatsoever.

For just one example, Walt Rines of the IEMMC claimed to have had in place since the beginning of June a remove list process. Leaving aside the general ineffectiveness of "opt-out" approaches to bulk email (it is as if every burglar were to be forgiven his first break-in so long as he promises not to burgle your house again), Mr. Rines is being particularly dishonest in this claim. Mr. Rines has always claimed to offer a "remove" list address at [remove@quantcom.com](mailto:remove@quantcom.com), and every time I have had occasion to send email to that address, it has been returned to me with a "no such user" message. In other words, the claim of a "remove" address was false. Further, two weeks into the month of June, 1997, Mr. Rines' IEMMC remove process still does not work. Programming something as simple as an address-collection database is not difficult. I can only conclude, based on Mr. Rines' past history, that it does not work because he does not want it to work, any more than he wants "[remove@quantcom.com](mailto:remove@quantcom.com)" to work.

I offer into evidence a collection of junk email I have been collecting since May 27th, 1997, when Mr. Rines' NAP, AGIS.NET, claimed to have agreed with the members of IEMMC not to send any more junk email. My growing collection (at <http://www.panix.com/~tbetz/proof.shtml> ) documents junk email sent to me since that date by IEMMC members themselves, and by the customers of IEMMC members, including one sent by Mr. Rines' own QUANTCOM.COM system ( <http://www.panix.com/~tbetz/proof.shtml#aaam> ) -- breaking his word to AGIS and to us.

Also, please consider the content of these collected junk emails. Many of them, if not most of them, promote fraudulent and illegal activities.

They are, in my experience, quite representative of the type of invitation to lose my money that I receive several times daily.

The FTC would be doing the citizens of this country a criminal disservice if it did not consider the trustworthiness and veracity (or lack thereof) of the source when weighing the testimony it has received at these hearings.

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Written submission:

Would you please take URGENT action to eliminate unsolicited email messages from reaching my mailbox. I have limited resources for operating my business and cannot afford the direct and indirect expense of non-business messages arriving in my inbox.

I support the Murkowski bill because it eliminates the primary irritation of not being able to contact the source of the junk email directly with a message or legal action. I support the concept of choice, that people be allowed to receive Junk Email if they desire, or to BLOCK junk email if we desire.

I also support increasing the cost of sending Junk postal advertisements whether delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or private organizations. It is the same principle: unnecessary junk which is highly irritating, wasteful and which I have no means of blocking.

Junk Mail and Email are nothing less than trespassing into my space.

If I want to find a vendor for something I have plenty of avenues without these intrusions.

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Written submission:

I wonder what sense there is in asking a US government agency to regulate a problem that knows no borders. I live in Israel and get junk mail from US addresses all the time. Many of these are mailed from servers outside of the US (and Israel). In my own opinion, there is little a national agency like the FTC can do. I was wondering if anyone is thinking along global lines for a solution to this problem.

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Written submission:

I'm an e-mail administrator for a brokerage firm based in the Midwest.  
I fight spam every day, and the worst problem is the fraudulent  
practice of relaying e-mail off innocent, privately-owned 3rd-party  
e-mail servers.

My question is, how can the practice of relaying spam off a third-  
party's mail server be viewed as anything other than fraud, abuse,  
or a low-level denial-of-service attack? It is clearly meant to  
circumvent the receiver's desire to not receive such e-mail, so how  
does this differ legally from hacking into a site? Must we all become  
police? Thank you.

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Written submission:

Type your comments here

Why isn't it required that the InterNIC (those responsible for  
registering and maintaining domain names) require that valid  
contact information be in their database?

They charge \$50/year/domain and you can't track down spammers because  
the whois info is bogus.

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Written submission:

[Note: I make no money from on-line activites,  
and send these comments as my sincere opinion]

The FTC is considering two proposals for bans  
against information on Internet. Each presents  
itself as a narrow ban on a class of exploitation  
by business - "unsolicited commercial E-mail",  
or "invasion of privacy".

The problem with these proposals is that, no  
matter what face we would like to put on them,  
they are in fact censorship regulations, and share  
the common weaknesses of the form, which is to  
say, they are vague, prone to abuse, will lack  
proportion, and will fail to solve the problem  
for which they were enacted.

Consider "unsolicited commercial E-mail" - a  
very simple, limited ban? Well, the problem is  
that E-mail is not usually sent like a FAX, as  
an adjunct to a voice conversation, but instead  
is sent unsolicited as a matter of course. People  
routinely write to newsgroup posters, Web site  
authors, individuals mentioned in news stories  
(sometimes of very local and specialized  
distribution). The matters that they discuss don't  
necessarily fall into categories of "advertisement"  
or "other" so neatly. A political activist might  
routinely mail a notice about a T-shirt offer to  
a list of 500 people interested in the topic; while  
an unscrupulous advertiser for flea collars might  
hire someone to send social E-mails mentioning  
their brand to anyone who posts about "fleas" on



Usenet. These judgments will not be easy at all, because noncommercial posters will veer into commercial posting in ignorance, while the real "spammers" will take advantage of every loophole.

Protection of privacy can also become nebulous. One Web site offered a "reverse lookup" for telephone numbers to the general public, only to be accused of privacy invasion - yet the same information remains available elsewhere for anyone willing to pay a small fee. A resourceful user could search the entire Internet hunting for any on-line reference to the number, and with some chance of failure, might obtain the information that way. One wonders if the search engines are to be banned or "regulated"...

One of the worst problems with "privacy" oriented regulation is that it usually leaves loopholes for everything from law enforcement and process servers to companies that promise not to misuse the information ... and once the information is divulged, who knows where it will go and under what jurisdiction it will be used? The way to keep a secret is NOT TO TELL ANYONE. We need to focus on privacy of information, but we need to start at the source! Regulation of on-line entities won't solve our problems.

It goes without saying that in the battles between businesses, there will be many efforts to present these issues one way and another for specific advantage. This will be a terrible waste of time and money.

These issues can be solved by the traditional "anarchy" of Internet, if people only allow the time for the programs and standards to solve these problems to be written - and if their use is permitted by law. Specifically, we need to ensure that providers are permitted to block E-mail with the consent of their customers, to keep "junk"

off the system. We need to abolish the system of "software patents" that prohibit competitive software development, and thereby prevent the public from having access to a wide range of choices in how their privacy on-line will be handled. We need to ensure that people are not compelled to hand over information that they regard as private, for instance to government agencies, only to have this confidential information sold on the open market.

It will do none of us any good if we adopt solutions that are like putting a Band-Aid over a bullet hole. We have to get at the roots of the problems, and not restrict but EXPAND the range of permissible activities on Internet, so that people can solve problems more easily.

Michael Serfas

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Written submission:

I have recently gotten myself on the internet. I do believe there needs to be a legislation involving junk email. Look in the future for my classmates and my web site on the matter. We have one person who is opposed to any legislation and two who are for some form of legislation. We would just not like to see it banned illegal. This could inhibit our communications world wide.

Thank you ,  
Mary Donohue-Ericson

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Written submission:

1. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products why does he forge the email headers? How does he feel about the "spoofing" of the email address of the handicapped group in Houston. Why did he suddenly post a reversal of his policy on relaying advertisements off of other servers on his web site shortly after that incident.
2. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products, why does he not honor remove requests? Why did I receive another copy of his advertisement (The Freedom Newsletter) relayed off of the University of Virginia when I did a "reply to remove".
3. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products and believes in freedom of speech, why do you create email lists from public newsgroups? Is freedom of speech the right to force his advertisements on participants in public forums?
4. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products, why does he continually disregard the out of court settlements with AOL, CompuServe, etc. using "throw away" accounts on their service?
5. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products, why his service is NOT used by any advertisement agency promoting legitimate products. Why are all of his advertisements "solicitations to engage in fraudulent and criminal activity" or products that encourage mass bulk email advertisement.
6. I would like to ask Sanford Wallace, if he is a legitimate business man and advertises only legitimate products, why does he host mega\$nets.net which is nothing but a MLM scamming operation?

I hope the questions formulated from everyones response exposes Sanford Wallace for what he really is, namely a crook that evades the truth about himself and his business. Before asking the questions introduce him to the massive amounts of evidence before the

commission that prove his business is intended to harass and annoy everyone on the Internet who receives his advertisements.

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Written submission:

A year ago I got no unsolicited E-mail. Since then, the amount has been increasing to the point where I now get 5 to 10 unsolicited notices almost every day. Most of the mail promotes either X-rated sites or some questionable business venture. Most are untracable as to the original sender.

Continuing unchecked, we will soon see a day when the e-mail system will be virtually useless. Tens of thousands of companies sending millions of unsolicited messages will first of all cripple the internet and secondly fill your e-mail box with so much mail it will be impossible to sort out the legitimate mail from the junk. Imagine what it would be like if the post office pulled up to your house with a dump truck and unloaded an entire load of mail to you every day. You wouldn't have time to sort through it to find your legitimate mail. That is what is happening on the internet.

Due to the extremely low cost of distributing electronic mail it has the potential for more abuse than either junk fax or telephone solicitations; which already have legislation protecting consumers.

Please do whatever possible to put reasonable controls on this exploding form of abuse.