

I commend the efforts to control unwanted spam, and know that it will be difficult to accomplish. One wishes that legislation would require "opt in."

A newspaper article in todays Gainesville Sun (which supplied your e-mail address) quotes staff attorney, Jonathan Kraden as saying: "The [CAN=SPAM] legislation also requires that the retailer who sends you an advertisement must include some way for you to opt out of ever receiving anything else. Surely the FTC knows that will provide little help.

The vast majority of my incoming spam is made to appear that it came from an unknown individual. Over time, the same message reappears -- with a different sender's name. In these cases, the usual problem with opt out is: 1) There is no link to opt-out; 2) If present, the link leads nowhere; or 3) The link site exists, but is busy. Lately, a lot of the spam addressed to me has contained versions of the Mydoom virus -- fortunately, my ISP or my own anti-virus software has intercepted and removed the virus.

I have had no difficulty opting out of e-mail from recognized vendors, although it is still a nuisance.

[I have forwarded 346 of these spam messages to UCE@ftc.gov.]

Thank you for reading this.

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