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Re: CAN-SPAM Act Rulemaking, Project No. R411008

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To the Commissioners,

I commend you on your efforts to cut down on the problem of unsolicited bulk email. However, I am concerned about the proposed requirement for merchants to maintain suppression lists.

Suppression lists present so many problems and costs associated with the idea, and so much damage will be done to consumers and businesses alike, that I feel I must urge you to consider this matter with extreme care.

Requiring the use of suppression lists will seriously damage many of the legitimate publications available on the net. My specific concern is for harm to publishers who require permission from the consumer prior to adding them to any list.

They're not who CAN-SPAM was designed to put out of business, but this requirement will very likely have that effect.

There's also the potential for significant harm to consumers, because of the problem of properly knowing their intent when they unsubscribe from a list. On top of that, these suppression lists could easily fall into the hands of spammers, leading to more spam instead of less.

I was quite surprised at the potential problems this ruling could involve, and urge you in the strongest possible terms to reconsider its implementation in light of these problems,

Respectfully,



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