

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

Commissioners,

I am a regular person who happens to enjoy my email. I do not like the idea of anyone else other than myself being able to decide which email I can or can't receive.

I mean that very seriously. Right now I'm in the middle of changing my ISP because I haven't been receiving several of the newsletters that I'm subscribed to - they keep getting "filtered" out. Even email from my mother gets "filtered" out and that's outrageous.

It's irritating and frustrating and I do not like it at all. If I want to receive certain email then I should be able to get it without someone else's rules preventing me from doing so.

There's a little button called "Delete" that works very well for any email I get that I don't want. I believe it should be up to me to decide, I'm not a child and I can think for myself.

Email is a wonderful thing and you're making it absolutely impossible for everyone just because of the "bad apples" who do abuse it. That isn't right and it isn't fair to everyone else.

We have a right to communicate and receive information from each other. We don't all need gags just because some are screaming too loud, that makes no sense at all.

I would much rather get email that I don't want along with the email that I do want. I'm just plain fed up with not being able to get email I want because of someone else's rules. And if you enforce more new rules about email it'll be even worse, the CAN-SPAM Act is already bad enough.

Everyone has different interests so everyone has different opinions about wanted versus unwanted email. Making restrictive rules for everyone hurts more people than it helps.

The Declaration of Independence says we have freedom but it doesn't feel like freedom when I can't even get an email from my own mother telling me about the great deal she got shopping. And it certainly doesn't feel like freedom when I don't receive a newsletter that I paid good money to subscribe to.

Not being able to get the email you want because of "rules" is like going shopping and then having a guy at the door taking three bags (that you just paid for) out of your cart because it wasn't "approved" merchandise. Who's he to decide what you want and what you need?

I'm fifty years old and I don't need anyone to decide for me what email I can have and what email I don't want! I prefer to decide for myself and it should be up to me to decide.

For gods' sake leave the email alone and quit pandering to the whinny babies that can't think for themselves. We should all grow up and take responsibility for ourselves and quit expecting everything to be done for us.

It's a shame that there's a CAN-SPAM Act at all, it shouldn't be made any worse.

I truly hope you consider carefully and make an intelligent, adult decision on this matter. The rest of us are adults too and would appreciate being treated as such.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Stivers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lynn Stivers  
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