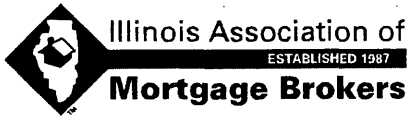


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Dear Rulemaking Committee,

The Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers, a trade association located in the state of Illinois that serves over 1000 companies, applauds the efforts to curb the amount of unwanted spam that hits our e-mails on a daily basis. However, we have some concerns that the rules may go to far, and inhibit the ability of our members to contact their present and possibly future customers.

We understand that the rules are trying to curb the amount of spam, but how are you going to stop the spam from other countries that we all know will escalate as soon as any new rules go into affect?

Many companies including our companies are reputable companies that are trying to generate business through the presentation of products and services that the consumers need and want. How do you protect those companies and still curtail the use by the companies that sell smut and pills.

We understand that you have a difficult decision ahead of you and we applaud your efforts but do not hurt the small businesses who are the life blood of the United States economy because the large companies are abusing one of the best communication systems, which is the e-mail system.

We do not have the answers as to the best way to curtail the spam, but until you can stop the spam coming from other counties you are going to hurt the legitimate companies within the United States.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of the aforementioned points and hope that you will decide on a rule, which both protects consumers, and does not harm the small businesses that serve them.

Sincerely,

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