

Rather than attempting to create a black list of spammers (which is totally ineffective) or sophisticated filtering there is a 'white list' available to almost all email providers maintained by their users. Almost all email accounts have an address list. If all email providers would filter mail from anyone not in the address list into an alternate folder, other than the inbox, all spam would end up there. People would get in the habit of simply flushing the whole folder periodically (if the provider didn't provide this as a service). No spam would ever be responded to and the spammers will quit due to ineffectiveness. No laws need to be passed. Easy implementation. Is anyone ready to have the world beat a path to their door?

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