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The concept of SPAM (Un-Solicited E-Mail) has been considered unethical by the majority of old timers on the Internet. I have been using the 'net since 1988.

This issue would not even be an issue if the "Marketers on the Internet" would have followed the ethical posture and not cost their customers and ISP's money. It's a shame that some people require the law to place limits on their activities and not their ethical posture.

There for, I suggest that a class action suite be filed against the spammers to recover each persons personal time, hard drive space, anti-spam software and ISP administration time.

At this point, I delete 30 SPAM messages a day costing me about 20 seconds per e-mail. That is 10 min. per day. With the minimum wage being 5.25 per hour and there are over 76,000,000 e-mail address in the US. The US loss is \$66,500,000 productivity per day. That is \$133,000,000,000 dollars of lost productivity per year SPAMers are costing the nation.

There for, I propose that the Direct Marketing Associate create a \$133,000,000,000 fund to replay the US citizens for the lost productivity.

Now for a more realistic spin on this. SPAM also impacts Usenet, mailing lists, ICQ, IRC, Yahoo Messenger, MS Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger and Microsoft POP-Up Messenger.

Does the legislation also include this group of SPAM?

By the way, my definition of SPAM is marketing or found offering products and services which I have not requested.

Thank you for finally addressing this issue!

Sincerely,

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