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Dear Sir(s);

IMHO, "Spyware" consists of ANY Software Application that, BY DEFAULT, installs ANY method of Data Collection and/or Reporting, WITHOUT the EXPRESS, SPECIFIC, and INFORMED consent of the User installing said Software Application.

Similarly, "Adware" consists of ANY Software Application that, BY DEFAULT, installs ANY method of delivering ADVERTISEMENTS to the User installing said Application, WITHOUT allowing the User the OPTION of COMPLETELY AND UNEQUIVOCABLY DISALLOWING such Advertisements (A.K.A. "Opting-Out"), while still allowing the User to install and use said Software Application.

IMHO, ANY Software Application that DOES NOT PROPERLY AND SPECIFICALLY INFORM the User of the above functions AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION, or PROPERLY ALLOW the User the OPTION of "Opting-Out", from the above functions, should be OUTLAWED.

Thank you for your consideration.

- John Grindstaff