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Greetings and good day. My name is Joel Flake. I am the webmaster of a student group called Students for Family Values at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities.

I have recently been informed that the Federal Trade Commission will be holding a workshop concerning Spyware and Adware. Although these subjects are not related to SFV or its mission, I feel the need to submit a concern.

Spyware and Adware are installed on internet users' computers without their consent or even knowledge. Once these programs are installed and run, they frequently display unwanted ads and other things on a user's screen without first obtaining permission to show them. This is very similar to being contacted by a telemarketer once you have been placed on their list in several ways. First, you do not request to be on a telemarketer's call list. Second, you do not know that you are on a telemarketer's list until you are called. And last, nearly all telemarketer calls are unwanted.

Since it is now possible to be placed on a Do Not Call List, it would be only consistent of the government to create a Do Not Spam List or something similar.

Thank you for your time.

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