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I am aware that when I use a credit card for a purchase or when I use a discount card at a grocery store my purchasing habits may be monitored. It is my choice to use those devices or opt to pay cash and not have my buying habits monitored. I do not have that option to not disclose my viewing information when on line. Following my surfing habits is the same as tapping my telephone. It is done without my knowledge or permission. The Federal Government protects my right to privacy on the telephone and recently when on the cellular airways. I feel that it is incumbent upon my government to protect my privacy when on line.

On line users are engaging in a form of communication, therefore it should be protected as any other form of communication.

We are protected from people looking in our windows, people monitoring conversations electronically, and virtually every other form of communications, why not when we surf the Internet?

I believe it is your duty to protect the citizens from this form of privacy invasion.