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Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary
Room 159-H
600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20580

Re: CAN-SPAM Act Rulemaking, Project No. R411008

To the Commissioners:

It is comforting to know that we are being taken care of by our leaders. However, I feel there is such a thing as going too far. Many people make their living by doing home businesses with e-mail. Why should these people be thwarted by having to investigate who has opted-out of lists, and have to up-load, re-load, and change lists just to try to comply?

There is no limit to the bulk regular mail I receive each day. I can either open and read them or I can toss them into the round file (and take my chances I may be missing something worthwhile). I am very tired of all the "You are pre-authorized—" credit card offers. I send them in and receive a letter that I am unable to be authorized. I also receive letters saying I have won \$6,500, if I have the winning number. Naturally, I send these in, also. (Can't win, if you don't respond).

Why can't people just delete what they don't want to waste time reading? They may miss something worthwhile, or they may respond to something they can use and enjoy. Who's job is it to protect us from ourselves? As adults, we must take responsibility for our own actions.

Please don't harm our free-enterprise activities by more rules and regulations. That is what is wrong with businesses today.

A concerned citizen,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Stevens".

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