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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the United States states:

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

I consider, and rightfully so, adware and spyware placed on my computer by any organization or individual, other than myself, to constitute an unreasonable search of my papers and effects.

The Congress of the United States and the State Legislatures, along with their appropriate regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission, should take immediate action to stop the practice of corporations and other entities placing adware and spyware on the computers of their "customers." To this end, I have installed, many months ago, software for detecting and removing these parasitic forms of software.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my input on this matter.  
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