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Subject: DATA MINING FOR THE BIG MONEY!
To the Chairman, House of Representatives'
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House, Cangerra ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

DATA MINING TO BE APPROVED FOR RICH AND POWERFUL!

Re: The Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000

Once again, as in much legislation, we see that the rich and powerful are to be affirmed in their power, while the weaker are left to fend for themselves.

I consider that data mining is a gross invasion of everyone's privacy.

In an ideal world, if a company wanted to compile a database containing private information pertaining to anyone, it must seek written informed consent.

This is called 'opting in'. Currently, a person can only 'opt out,' which means the person would have to contact hundreds of organisations and go through a lot of hassle to try and get off their databases.

If should be illegal for information given for one purpose (filling out forms, using credit card, etc) to be used for another purpose without my informed written consent, except after legal approval of a judge, or in cases to stop fraud in banking, export subsidies, pensions, and the like, or to stop organised crime and illegal dealing in weapons, immigrants, or drugs.

I wish to have tough enforceable legislation to protect the interests of citizens, not self regulation or 'light touch' legislation that panders to corporate interests. -- John Massam

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English: Social Justice and Economic Freedom.

Esperanto: Sociala Justeco kaj Ekonomika Libereco.

Français: Justice sociale et liberté économique.

Deutsch: Sozialgerechtigkeit und wirtschaftliche Unabhängigkeit.

Italiano: Giustizia sociale e libertà economica.

Português: Justiça social e liberdade econômica.

Español: Justicia social y libertad económica. ***