



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary *LC*

DATE: August 3, 2022

SUBJECT: AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) 7 Individual Comments

Attached are 7 individual comments on AO 2022-14 (Google LLC).

This matter will be discussed on the Open Meeting of August 11, 2022.

Attachment

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 1:42 pm, Aug 03, 2022

From: [Luis Viana](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 1:16:47 PM

From this article (<https://www.inc.com/bill-murphy-jr/google-revealed-plans-for-a-big-change-to-gmail-that-almost-nobody-wants-you-have-19-days-to-object.html>), I quote:

- "Earlier this year, Republican politicians complained to the FEC that Google was unfairly censoring Republican fundraising emails in Gmail by sending them to spam at a higher rate than Democratic emails. "

I would bet the Republicans emails are identified as spam at a higher rate because they're are still propagating the Big Lie to increase their fundraising and continue the coup!!

Please do not let AO 2022-14 happen. Their lies must be rejected before ever arriving at our inboxes.

Thank you.

From: no-reply@fec.gov
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: RE: AO 2022-14
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:37:56 PM

===== ORIGINAL MESSAGE =====

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2022-07-30 16:32:53
Subject: AO 2022-14

I am writing to express my vehement objection to any attempt interfere with the ability of email providers to flag email as spam. Even with the current spam filter, my inbox gets more messages than I can possibly deal with. Allowing political fundraising emails to bypass spam filters will make spam filtering totally ineffective.

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Erik von Hortenau
[REDACTED]

Ref:MSG0222682

From: no-reply@fec.gov
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: RE: Google spam filters
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:34:47 PM

===== ORIGINAL MESSAGE =====

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2022-08-01 16:21:08
Subject: Google spam filters

FEC,

Several months ago I made the considerable effort to change my email address. I had used my Comcast service provider's email for years, but the spam became unmanageable. I spent hours blocking email, but the same senders would come up with a different address to keep sending me the same spam. Then the political email's started to appear. I thought it was bad before - now it made my email unusable. Hundreds of political emails every day. I got a gmail address. No more junk emails.

Please do not do anything to prevent Google from doing the outstanding job of filtering out all those junk emails.

Jim Hazlin
[REDACTED]

Ref:MSG0222677

From: no-reply@fec.gov
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: RE: How to comment on pending Google opinion re campaign email exemptions from spam
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:37:52 PM

===== ORIGINAL MESSAGE =====

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2022-08-01 20:18:42
Subject: How to comment on pending Google opinion re campaign email exemptions from spam

Hello,

I would like to file a public comment in the above matter which was detailed in the Washington Post article, "The GOP went to war against Google over spam — and may win" today. How do I do so?

I am vehemently against excluding creating a spam exclusion from campaign emails.

Thank you.

Pat Slater
[REDACTED]
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Ref:MSG0222684

From: [Katharine Anderson](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 12:17:13 PM

Please reject Google's request in this matter. This request does not serve the public, or democracy. Political campaigns and political parties should still be subject to the same rules that everybody else is regarding spam. And as many other commenters have noted, this change is effectively an in kind donation from Google to political parties. And as a user of Google products, I would be frustrated by this change in that I would have to manually mark emails as spam when the Google filters used to do it for me.

From: [Susan Schmiesing](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: Comment in Opposition to Advisory Opinion Request 2022-14 re Google's Pilot Program to Permit Political Campaign Spam
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 12:20:07 PM

To: The Honorable Allen Dickerson, Chair
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20463
By electronic mail (ao@fec.gov)

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

I strongly urge the Commission to reject Google's AO Request. I do not want my inbox flooded with campaign spam! I already spend many hours every month deleting unsolicited emails.

In addition, the Commission needs to protect the integrity of federal elections. If the FEC intends to promote transparency and enforce compliance with federal election laws, it must ensure that no corporation, including Google, attempts to influence our elections.

Thank you.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [AO](#)
Subject: Comment on AO-2022 14 (Google LLC)
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 11:55:40 AM

Please do not allow Google to open up Pandora's Box on the people by allowing campaign/political emails to bypass spam filters. It works just fine as it is. Thank you.

Linda Merryman