



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary ^{VFV}

DATE: August 8, 2022

SUBJECT: AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) (21) Individual Comments on Draft A

Attached are 21 individual comments on AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) Draft A.

Attachment

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 4:02 pm, Aug 08, 2022

From: [Natalia Lombana](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: A0 2022-14 (Google) BLOCK THIS
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:04:21 AM

Reject googles request to allow more political mail. I literally get 300+ emails daily from political campaigns I haven't signed up for, please block googles request. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bob Jensen](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:14:43 AM

Google has become the 900 lb gorilla in the room, breaking everything in its path, despite its initial motto. Please do not bend to its will. We need no more spam, especially political.

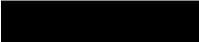
Thank you

From: [Amorah Ross](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:06:39 AM

Please reject Google's AO Request and protect the integrity of federal elections.

Thank you,

Amorah Ross

 ~ Woodinville WA USA

Sent from my iPad Pro

From: [Deanna Barnett](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2214 Google
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 1:12:00 AM

Absolutely do NOT allow political spam!! I am sick to death of being flooded with garbage and politics in this country is nothing but a money grab by corrupt idiots. Let them continue to get their money from their owners..the Koch's and the Murdocks!

Deanna Barnett

Sent from my iPad

From: [Reissa Leigh](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022 14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:35:49 AM

Reject Googled request to flood political emails

Sent from my iPhone

From: [RStevens43](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:01:04 PM

I urge to deny Google's request.

Google wants to flood our inboxes with political spam and, more concerningly, confer a benefit to one political party in the process.

And, from the looks of a recent draft Advisory Opinion, you, the FEC is going to accept Google's request.

Really? Does Google really have that much influence on the FEC that it can violate us?

Rhonda Stevens

[REDACTED]

Enterprise AL 36330

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Marcantonio Rendino](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 6:21:41 PM

REJECT

It's preposterous that allowing even more political junk mail, benefits any citizen - this serves only to enrich businesses like Google, and equally rapacious "politicians".

REJECT

My Voter Name: Marcantonio Rendino
My City & State: Burlington, Vermont

From: [Scott Lovett](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 4:15:28 PM

PLEASE reject Google's request.
There is already enough garbage in all aspects of our society!

Sincerely,
Scott Lovett
Charlotte, NC

From: [Mikayla Mitchell](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 7:44:21 PM

No thank you. This is so dumb and ridiculous and political. We don't want this

From: [Joel Madsen](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:24:25 PM

"Please firmly and unequivocally reject.... This is a terrible idea."

"Absolutely no. A thousand times no."

"Do. Not. Grant. This. Request."

"Allowing Google to prioritize political emails would basically mean that Google was providing a large political donation to every politician sending emails to Gmail addresses."

From: [William Fernandes](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: Fwd: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement - Barba, et al. v. Old Navy, et al.
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:50:10 PM

Deny the political Spam. Consumers miss class action notices due to spam filters. Do not allow a company who can't get a legal notice to the inbox to be enriched.

AO 2022-14 (Google)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: William Fernandes <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 11:43 PM
Subject: Fwd: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement - Barba, et al. v. Old Navy, et al.
To: Nora Puckett <[REDACTED]>

Spam filter needs to be improved. Filters class action all the time...but misses phishing occasionally.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement <DoNotReply@onpricingsettlement.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 27, 2021 at 7:12 AM
Subject: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement - Barba, et al. v. Old Navy, et al.
To: <[REDACTED]>

[REDACTED]

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT
AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

IF YOU MADE ONE OR MORE IN-STORE OR ONLINE PURCHASES AT OLD NAVY OR OLD NAVY OUTLET STORE IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCLUDING PURCHASES MADE WHILE IN MISSOURI, BETWEEN NOVEMBER 12, 2015 AND DECEMBER 2, 2021, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN AWARD TO USE IN-STORE OR ONLINE WITH ANY OF THESE STORES IN THE FUTURE FOR FUTURE PURCHASES.

You must file a Claim Form by May 31, 2022 to receive a settlement benefit.

A Court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation.

Read this notice carefully, as it affects your rights.

For more information, visit www.ONPricingSettlement.com or call 1 (844) 606-1114

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT? A settlement (“Settlement”) has been proposed in the class action lawsuit referenced above pending in the Superior Court of the State of California in the County of San Francisco (“Action”). If the Court gives final approval to the Settlement, Old Navy, LLC, Old Navy Apparel, LLC, Old Navy Holdings, LLC, GPS Services, LLC, and The Gap, Inc. (collectively “Old Navy” or “Defendants”) will provide, for each eligible Class Member (eligibility described below) one

or more Settlement Purchase Certificates good for a purchase of merchandise online or in-store at Old Navy and Old Navy Outlet stores in the United States, for (i) \$5 or \$10 in Settlement Purchase Certificates to use for purchase(s) (no minimum purchase required) or discount off of a purchase(s), subject to the additional conditions explained in the [Long Form Notice](#).

WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Anastasha Barba, James Andrews, Anna Nemykina and Brenda Tripicchio allege that Old Navy, LLC, Old Navy Apparel, LLC, Old Navy Holdings, LLC, GPS Services, LLC, and The Gap, Inc. engaged in deceptive advertising by advertising purportedly improper reference prices on merchandise. Gap denies wrongdoing and liability and both sides disagree on how much, if anything, the Class could have recovered after trial. No court has decided which side is right but both sides agreed to provide benefits to Old Navy and Old Navy Outlet customers and resolve the case.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT? You are a member of the Class if you are a United States citizen who made one or more purchases in-store at an Old Navy Store or Old Navy Outlet Store located in the United States, excluding purchases made while in Missouri, or online from the Old Navy website between **November 12, 2015** and **December 2, 2021**, the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

WHAT RELIEF DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE? If you received this Email Notice and timely complete and submit a valid Claim Form, you shall receive one (1) Settlement Purchase Certificate for \$5 any purchase or off any purchase (no minimum purchase required). Class Members with purchases from an Old Navy and Old Navy Outlet store of \$90 or more during the Class Period may receive an additional \$5 Settlement Purchase Certificate. In order to receive a Settlement Purchase Certificate(s) under the Settlement, you will need to file a Claim Form on or before **May 31, 2022**. Please see the [Long Form Notice](#) for additional information. To receive more (a second Settlement Purchase Certificate), you must timely complete and submit a valid Claim Form, and submit proof of such purchase(s).

You may file a claim online by clicking [HERE](#).

You may also print a Claim Form by clicking [HERE](#).

You must submit your claim online no later than May 31, 2022, or if mailed, your claim must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2022.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS? If you stay in the Class, you will be legally bound by the Settlement's terms and you will release your claims against Defendants, regardless of whether you file a Claim Form. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must Opt-Out of the Settlement by **February 16, 2022**. If you Opt-Out, you will not be entitled to receive a Settlement Purchase Certificate(s) but you will retain the ability to file your own claim against Defendants. If you do not Opt-Out, you may Object to the Settlement by **February 16, 2022**. The [Long Form Notice](#) available on the Settlement Website explains how to Opt-Out or Object. The Court will hold a Hearing on **March 16, 2022** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request by the lawyers representing all Class Members for \$3,750,000 in attorneys' fees and costs, and for the class representatives' (Anastasha Barba, James Andrews, Anna Nemykina and Brenda Tripicchio) request for \$2,500 each for their services. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to.

FAIRNESS HEARING. A Fairness Hearing will be held on **March 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.** before the Honorable Ethan P. Schulman, J.S.C. of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Francisco, located at 400 McAllister St., San Francisco CA 94102. The purpose of the Fairness Hearing will be for the Court to determine whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class; to consider the award of attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel; and to consider the request for service awards to the Representative Plaintiffs. Class Counsel will file with the Court their motions for final approval of the Settlement no later than February 1, 2022 and for an award of attorneys' fees and costs and Class Representatives' service payments no later than February 1, 2022.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION? This Notice is only a summary. To get a copy of the Long Form Notice, Claim Form or Settlement Agreement or to learn more visit: the Settlement Website at www.ONPricingSettlement.com; call toll-free at 1 (844) 606-1114; email Info@ONPricingSettlement.com or you may write to the Settlement Administrator at:

Old Navy Pricing Settlement Administrator
1650 Arch St., Suite 2210
Philadelphia, PA 19103

DO NOT ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OR THE LITIGATION TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT OR THE JUDGE, DEFENDANT, OR DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL.

**By: Order of
Ethan P. Schulman
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

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William

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William

From: [Randy Hammond](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: In reference to AO 2022-14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 1:28:37 PM

Please do not allow this.

Thank you,
Randy Hammond

From: [David Skibbins](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: In reference to Google plan AO 2022-14."
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 1:52:21 PM

Pleased not approve of this plan. It is a product of political manipulation and we users overwhelmingly do not want it. Sincerely, David Skibbins. The Sea Ranch, CA

From: [Carrie Rhodes](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Ref #: AO 2022-14 (Goggle)
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 5:51:31 PM

To whom it may concern,

It is my understanding that Google is requesting to send political spam into my inbox.

First, I have NO desire to have any party's political spam in my email anywhere.

Second, it is also my understanding that they favor one political party. If they were forcing spam from both, that would be understandable. But it appears that they favor only one party. I do *not* want any political spam regardless.

Third, if they force this on me, I most certainly will cancel my email with them. I couldn't care less who Google supports, but I shouldn't be forced to deal with their personal choices.

Why they think they have a right to force their political views on me is beyond comprehension.

Stay out of my email, Google!

Thank you for your consideration,
Carrie Rhodes

From: [Joshua Kirby](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 - Absolutely No!
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 9:21:16 AM

Dear FEC:

Please reject Google's request to allow political email to avoid spam filters. Politics has already become a game favoring the wealthy. Allowing major political entities the ability to send email to common readers only favors the rich even further.

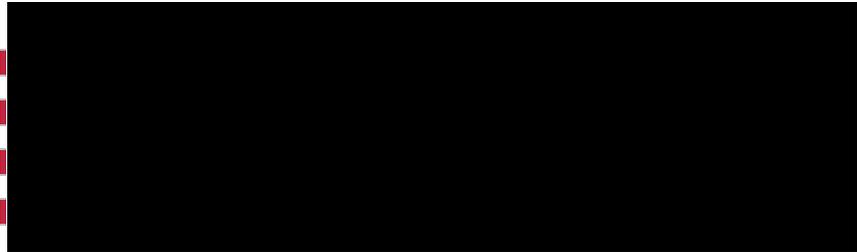
Please say no to AO 2022-14.

Thank you.

Josh Kirby
Business Owner



Joshua A. Kirby, MEd, NCC, CCC
Counselor (Prelicensed / Supervised)
AutumnSpring Counseling



From: [Virginia Huling](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Reference: AO 2022-14
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:06:58 AM

To whom this may concern,

I understand this is past the deadline. I just found out about the Google wants the FEC to weigh in "on a proposal to launch a pilot program" under which emails from some FEC-registered political committees would "not be affected by forms of spam detection to which they would otherwise be subject."

I am writing to vehemently oppose this nonsense. There are a multitude of reasons this is a bad idea, not least of which is that the offended political parties have not made any attempt to play by the rules.

1. My stepfather passed away last year. I was part of the family that had to tie up loose ends. He was a recipient of the emails and text messages the GOP sends out. The absolute fear they use in their messaging, the unfounded claims and continued lies are all baked into the messages they send out. To pretend that the responsibility is not on the sender, as it is in all cases, is to provide an unfair advantage to a player who **refuses** to abide by the rules.

2. I work in online marketing. I am very familiar with email lists, messaging, and the rules we must follow. I know the work you have to put in to make sure what you're providing is valuable and won't trigger spam flags. Thus, I know the work they are NOT doing, considering the messaging tactics they use.

This is an effort by political parties to complain and hope someone else manages the problem without ever addressing the behaviour that leads to the messages being created in such a way that they trip the red flags. Essentially, they are asking for a different set of rules to play by because they don't like the ones that exist.

Moving forward with this proposal will, as it has done to SCOTUS, erode the public's faith in our systems - namely the FCC and a private corporation that dominates the globe in internet searches.

I implore you - isn't this a case of the responsibility lies with the ones crafting the messages?

Do not let Google implement a different set of rules for one group.

From: Michael Powers
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 (Google)
Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022 10:00:13 AM

Please reject the request for Google.

Enough garbage comes through as it is.

From: Marc Phillips
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 comment
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 2:50:46 PM

Please do not allow our inboxes to become inundated with political emails. As it stands, my physical mailbox gets loaded up every election season with massive amounts of political advertisements (all of which goes straight into the dumpster....what a waste of paper!). I do not want to see my GMail inbox getting inundated with an endless stream of political emails (as email is essentially free to send out, I imagine I would get 10 to 100 times more junk than comes in my home's physical mailbox). I like the fact that all political emails are sent to spam right now; but in the event that Google/GMail wants to change this, please have them send all such emails into a "Political Ads" mailbox rather than having it overwhelm my primary inbox that contains important personal and business emails.

Marc Phillips

From: Daryl Sanford
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 3:42:22 PM

As a Google gmail user, I am asking you not to grant this request.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jimmy T
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2022 1:14:35 PM

No thank you to AO 2022-14

Jim Tsioles

From: Kam Hyland
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14.
Date: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:51:05 AM

Please DENY permission for political emails to not be filtered to spam folders.
There are enough ways to knowingly accept spam email through marketing channels. This should hold no different for political campaigns/parties/supporters.

Sent from my iPhone