



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary ^{VFV}

DATE: August 11, 2022

SUBJECT: AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) (21) Comments
on Agenda Doc. No. 22-37-A

Attached are 21 comments on AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) on
Agenda Doc. No. 22-37-A.

Attachment

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By Office of the Commission Secretary at 10:13 am, Aug 11, 2022

From: jessica cossentine
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: "AO 2022-14."
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:46:55 PM

Do not allow politicians, political crap, their propaganda and advertising to be allowed into personal email. Please, have some respect for thinking individuals.
Jessica Cossentine

From: Jessica Cossentine
To: [AO](#)
Subject: "AO 2022-14."
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:44:36 PM

Please do not allow political campaign propaganda to be dumped in my email box. It's bad enough with all the other commercial/advertising I have to go through.

Stop politicians/political crap in its tracks. I hate having to see it on TV, billboards, and any other form of communication and especially don't let them push it on me through personal email.

Jess Cossentine

From: James Sachs
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14 in rebuttal of misinformation campaigns and in support of measureable reality
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:31:41 PM

To whom it may concern-

In as brief a way as possible, I would like to state that any finding against google filtering practices against the complainant party would expose both my personal and work email traffic to a massive quantity of extreme misinformation and foreign malicious actors acting on behalf of the same parties.

If the complainant party utilized truthful information, or any information that bore any semblance to reality, they would not find themselves filtered out of the information ecosystem.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Jim Sachs

From: Terrence Benbow
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:55:03 PM

I mark most political campaign emails as spam. I want to keep this ability. So, if I mark something as spam, I don't want Google to honor my designation.

Bill Mitchell

From: Kimberly Miller
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:21:09 PM

I want NO unsolicited emails sent to my personal gmail account or any personal accounts (social media) Political or otherwise!!

I do not want it in Spam, I do not want it.

If any person doesn't get enough unsolicited Political advertising on television, in the mail or in front of a grocery or post office etc. they are actively uninterested.

Anyone wanting to donate Politically or otherwise, should do their own research into what they are giving money to.

Thank you.

Kimberly Miller
gmail account holder

From: Jim Sachs
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:25:25 PM

Regarding Google's request to allow more political emails through instead of blocking them as spam - which for the most part they are.

As with most people, dealing with spam is a significant issue and keeping it out of our respective email boxes is a constant effort. Re this specific request, I vote to keep the current restrictions in-place.

I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat, but a pure Independent. However, I believe that the constant yammering by the Republican's, Trumpists, and the Right Wing groups and their constant efforts to bombard people with disinformation and 'contribution' requests is not only irritating in the extreme, but I believe many times approaches being very problematic, and possibly illegal.

I look to the FEC to provide some sanity in this environment, especially in light of the Republican's efforts to label this as effectively 'in-kind' corporate contributions to the Democrats. Frankly, I believe the current Republican Party, many of its adherents, the Right Wing aligned media, and just about every Right Wing organization will try anything to win, regardless of its moral or other issues.

Please do not allow the spam restrictions that Google uses to filter much of this political 'stuff' and relegate to the folder as spam - as it should be.

Sincerely,

James F. Sachs

From: Jim Ennis
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 2:56:31 PM

Hello,

I do not wish to get an increase in unsolicited messages from any source, political or commercial and don't want Google to modify their current spam settings.

From: Linda Crooks
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:28:44 PM

I use Gmail almost exclusively, and do NOT want political campaign messages sent to my Inbox. Please tackle the major problem of illegal campaign contributions first; then, consider keeping political campaign contribution messages routed to Spam (where they belong).

From: Jacques Paquin
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Google's AO 2022-14 request
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:52:26 PM

I do not believe Google should have to exempt anyone from SPAM filtering. If there are characteristics that SPAM messages typically have, that's what their algorithms should be identifying and keeping OUT of my inbox. If legitimate groups want to avoid having their emails designated as SPAM perhaps they should hire consultants who are experts in this field rather than bullying the business that provides me with a valuable service.

Since the algorithm should be treating ALL email alike, political, non-political, business or whatever, there should be no question as to whether more Democrat messages getting through vs GOP messages is a donation in kind. If a group chooses to abuse their email lists and get labelled a SPAMMER it should not mean they get to bully a business into accepting those SPAMs and sending them on through to me.

Jacques Paquin
Victor NY

From: Gary McDonald
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Google's request: "AO 2022-14."
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:43:42 PM

Don't do this, bad idea, all political stuff should stay SPAM,

Regards
Gary

From: Anna Martin
To: [AO](#)
Subject: Reference AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:38:21 PM

Dear Google- Please add me to the list of Gmail happy consumers who want no part of scam/spam emails bypassing my Spam folder just so the republicans party can try to hoodwink- or flat out wear down- people into donating to them.

From: [Brian Flores](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:48:27 PM

I am firmly against allowing Google to exempt unsolicited bulk political fundraising emails from their spam filters. I do not buy the assertions that the spam filters exercise political bias in filtering a greater percentage of Republican-sent emails, or that this constitutes illegal in-kind contributions by Google to Democratic candidates. If Republicans are seeing greater percentages of their emails being filtered relative to their Democratic counterparts, then it's incumbent upon them to stop sending emails that are inherently sensationalist and spammy and that run afoul of the filters.

I do not want more unsolicited email; I want less of it. The FEC needs to stay out of this dispute, and not shepherd solutions that result in more work and aggravation for members of the American public.

Brian Flores

From: [REDACTED]
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:50:45 PM

I don't care which party or independent candidates are involved, I do not support Election related SPAM being placed in my INBOX. Especially if it is related to fund raising. Things are ugly enough and I don't need this garbage filling my inbox, especially when many ignore unsubscribe requests. PLEASE don't do this to us. We citizens have rights too.

Robert Masters

From: [Chris](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 9:11:26 PM

I do NOT want more spam and I absolutely do not want more political spam.
Regulate campaign finance without adding more waste to our email.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Barrett Welch](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:56:56 PM

Absolutely no to the above matter.

From: [Jan Connelly](#)
To: [AO](#)
Subject: AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 4:02:49 PM

This is equivalent to the Do Not Call List. I do not want political calls to my phone and I certainly do not want them in my inbox!

Please deny this request.

Jan Connelly

From: [Sherry Weindorf](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Do not exempt
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:59:36 PM

Do not exempt political email from spam filters.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Frank Hanrahan](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Google's request: "AO 2022-14."
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 5:13:26 PM

I request all spam go to my spam folder.

Best Regards,

Frank Hanrahan

Costa Mesa, CA. 92626



From: [Jeff Howard](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Reference # AO 2022-14
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 8:06:26 PM

I and everyone (dozens of friends) that I have spoken with about this issue are vehemently opposed to this proposal from Google to exempt political email from Spam filtering.

We have all agreed to immediately drop the use of GMail and other Google products if this change in policy/practice takes place.

Google and its competing services have already demonstrated near complete ineptitude at being able to distinguish spam, phishing emails, etc. from legitimate email traffic. How do they expect to be able to distinguish legitimate political content from the wealth of fraudulent appeals we see every day? Is this the first step down slippery slope, abandoning any pretext of trying to manage the onslaught of all kinds of illegitimate e-mail traffic.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey C. Howard
Milford, MA 01757

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Jeff Howard



From: [Casey](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: unsolicited email from eligible candidates to bypass gmail's spam filters.
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:34:47 PM

Please do not allow any political emails to bypass spam filters. One, if I want to hear from a campaign I will sign up for their emails. Two, this is an invitation for misinformation, scams, and phishing on an even greater scale and will not serve any positive purpose and will only serve to further erode Americans' trust in an already decaying political environment. Three, it would allow greater access to certain groups of the population by bad actors only looking to radicalize and create a greater number of domestic terrorists. Here I'm referencing not only groups within our borders but also other countries that have already shown their ability to destabilise our system but also directly influence our election process. Four, no one (not even a political group of any stripe) should be allowed greater access to me than any corporate entity that frankly has too much access already. Sincerely, Casey DeFoer

Sent from Proton Mail mobile

From: [Marilyn Meyers](#)
To: [AQ](#)
Subject: Junk mail
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 3:25:14 AM

Why would you ruin your reputation by sending junk mail to your subscribers? I'm sure a fair number of us would suddenly block you!!!!