



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

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

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

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===== 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](mailto: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

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===== 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

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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

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

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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