



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: The Commission**

**FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary <sup>VFV</sup>**

**DATE: July 18, 2022**

**SUBJECT: AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) 432 individual  
comments**

**Attached are 432 individual comments on AO 2022-14 (Google LLC).**

**Attachment**

**From:** [Erik Oberg](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 — Please Deny Google's Request  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:06:35 PM

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Hello,

As a Gmail user, my inbox has been plagued with countless campaign emails soliciting donations, but are themselves unsolicited. Not only are they unsolicited, they are also so wildly hyperbolic as to be recklessly irresponsible and often highly predatory on people's fears or biases—and their finances. Information science is my academic and professional field of expertise, affording me the time and tools to evaluate such emails with ease and speed, but the vast majority of people do not work and live in this field and may not be as prepared to judge these messages. Even if this were not the case, however, users should have to opt into such barrages rather than the other way around.

By far the most egregious examples have been emails I've inexplicably received from PACs associated with Donald Trump. The extreme rhetoric bounces neurotically between threats of the inevitable destruction of America if email recipients do not give generously enough, to the other tonal end of promising prizes and elite-sounding (but almost certainly meaningless) status and memberships, almost always paired with animated imagery of a timer ticking down to pressure recipients into acting before thinking. This would be disturbing enough if they weren't also written in such a way as to lead recipients to think that, not only are the emails written personally by Trump or members of his family, but that they are also written specifically and exclusively to the email recipient as an individual. Additionally, there is a history of these emails being very likely fraudulent in identifying one use/destination of donated funds in emails and then funnelling the money elsewhere (<https://www.npr.org/2022/06/13/1104648634/january-6-panel-trump-campaign-fundraise-misled-donors-election-lies>), including organizers of the January 6th coup attempt (<https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2022/07/trumps-political-operation-continued-to-steer-donor-money-to-firm-involved-in-the-jan-6-rally/>), and it appears that this pattern is continuing in campaign emails to this day (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/danalexander/2022/06/26/trump-moved-more-than-1-million-from-his-political-groups-to-his-private-business-after-losing-the-election/>).

Not only do I have elderly friends and family susceptible to these solicitations—likely assuming that if they are showing up in their inboxes that they must have signed up for them at some point prior—I am also a public librarian, and I see every day the aftermath of the most vulnerable in my community being preyed upon for their underdeveloped information/technology literacy. These people are not merely lazy or unintelligent as some might argue to dismiss these concerns, and they are instead simply elderly, impoverished, or otherwise marginalized, which are all groups that have always been primary targets for exploitation and who deserve proactive measures against their exploitation (more than 50% of the vast sums raised by Trump came from retirees: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/06/14/more-than-half-money-given-trumps-pac-was-retirees/>). Emails from Trump-affiliated PACs—however more egregious than others—are still by no means the only offenders though, and singling them out would be unfair. For that reason, the only sensible action is to be strict on *all* such emails, regardless of political affiliation, and put control back in the hands of users to decide for themselves if they want to opt in to receive these emails in first place rather than being forced to constantly

unsubscribe from emails or manually mark them as spam over and over.

Thank you,  
Erik Oberg

**From:** [C. Bonura](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) - NO to campaign ad pilot program  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:18:15 PM

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Dear FEC representatives,

The application should be denied. I believe there is a reasonable expectation that any mass mailings that user did not specifically sign up for should be directed to a spam filter. I think that allowing unasked-for political mail is in no way deserving of special exemption. This will just create more annoyance for the owners and provide no benefit to the political discourse of this country.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Bonura

**From:** [asphalt\\_askew.0u@icloud.com](mailto:asphalt_askew.0u@icloud.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) - No to Campaign ad pilot program  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:22:24 PM

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I strongly urge you to deny Google's request to send campaign ads straight through to user email inboxes, thereby avoiding spam filters.

- 0) If it's a Google proposal, odds are good it will only benefit Google.
- 1) Google has proven itself to be malevolent in myriad avenues including politics.
- 2) People can subscribe to campaign newsletters. This should not be forced upon people who a) aren't interested, b) politically incompatible with the message.
- 3) Cybercriminals will undoubtedly game the system, asking for cash, or perhaps injecting malware
- 4) Google is politically biased. At least 3 out of 4, and likely 9 out of 10 only donate to liberal causes. Republicans and conservatives will be sidelined.
- 5) Receiving unsolicited spam - even from sides with which one agrees - can have a detrimental effect. It's like getting unsolicited text messages from candidates nearing an election. It's a big turn-off.
- 6) I, like the majority of Americans, don't donate to political candidates. Unsolicited spam from them will ensure others don't either.

- Rich

**From:** [Andrew Montgomery](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google LLC)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:33:43 PM

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This is a terrible idea. Please deny this request.

It is entirely within the capabilities of political campaigns to produce and send email campaigns of sufficient quality to avoid spam filters – just like every other bulk sender. They deserve no special treatment.

It is wrong and unnecessary for the public to suffer when a political campaign sends bulk email that is indistinguishable from spam.

Spam filtering is a critical and complex service.

Hobbling it must not be the answer.

On July 6, the Commission made public an advisory opinion request by Google. The requestor asks whether it may provide a free and non-partisan pilot program to test certain design features in its email product to authorized candidate committees, political party committees, and leadership political action committees. The Commission will accept written comments on the request during the 10-day period following the publication of the request (no later than July 11) and must issue a response no later than 60 days after the receipt of the complete advisory opinion request, that is, by August 30, 2022.

**From:** [Nishant Kheterpal](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:05:21 PM

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Political emails should remain part of regular spam filters - they should not be given a special bypass. Allowing politicians to degrade the email usefulness of Americans because of cries of "political bias" is absurd. Political committees **should not** bypass spam filters and **should not** deliver political emails to the primary inboxes of Gmail users **by default**.

Thanks,  
Nishant Kheterpal

**From:** [Mike Hommel](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AOR 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:26:45 PM

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If I don't sign up for any political mail, I still get added to dozens if not hundreds of lists, one after another, as each one shares mailing lists. This is absolutely spam - unsolicited email - because I never opted in to any of them. They add me based on political records rather than my actual request. Every couple of months I go through and unsubscribe from all the ones I don't want (around 30-40 different campaigns, with about 5 I choose to receive), and within that next couple of months, I have been added back to all those lists automatically.

There absolutely should not be an elevation of political mail above the rules of spam. In fact, it should work the other way around - it should be illegal to add someone to a mailing list without their permission.

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Mike Hommel  
Hamumu Games, Inc.  
<http://hamumu.com>



**From:** [Bryan Fagan](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Advisory Opinion Request (Google LLC) on 2 U.S.C. § 30108 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:39:49 PM

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Dear Federal Election Commission:

I am writing to ask you not to allow Google to allow emails from candidate committees, political party committees, and leadership political action committees to avoid spam folders.

This absolutely would be a financial boon given to Google to these political actors, akin to donations to the political groups. These emails ask for money, just like any commercial email, and giving them a pathway to more eyes that are connected to more wallets is absolutely a contribution to these political groups. It is not for me to speculate why Google would offer this advantage to a species of email that is frequently inaccurate and increasingly vituperative, but as we have seen in past elections, even free gifts from technology companies can have outsized and unbalanced effects on the elections themselves.

One might also note that, given what the hearings of the January 6 Committee have revealed, allowing political emails to override spam filters may promote -- or encourage -- fraud, especially of vulnerable populations.

On a personal note, I see no reason why a politician asking for money should be privileged over charities asking for money or even Walmart asking for my money. It's my spam filter; I should get to decide what gets caught in it. But you're the FEC; spam filters, in and of themselves, are probably not your concern.

Thank you for your diligence on this matter.

Sincerely,

Bryan D. Fagan

**From:** [David Somers](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on AO 2022-14 (Google LLC)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:15:52 PM

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Dear FEC.

I am strongly opposed to Google's request AO 2022-14(Google.LLC).

I am strongly opposed to the idea of allowing political emails to bypass their spam filters. If I want to receive political emails I can sign up for them with the originating organizations. Otherwise this is spam pure and simple.

I am opposed to this strongly enough that if Google is given permission to do this and actually makes the change I will stop using all Google products. Admittedly that will cause a minuscule financial hardship for Google. They maintain several domains for me and I also have a paid subscription I use for email products for my small business along with my free personal Gmail account. But I will move all my browser, search engine, email and domain accounts out of Google to another service rather than put up with this. Moving these services would be a big hassle for me but I simply will not put up with this change.

Thank you for taking my comments on this proposal.

Sincerely

Dave Somers



**From:** [Joyce](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:08:51 AM

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I write in opposition to this request.

Freedom of political speech does not impose an obligation on any citizen to listen to all political speech. I have a right to activate a spam filter which filters political speech from my inbasket so I don't have to manually delete them all.

Most of the digital political messages are attack ads against other candidates, not information about a candidates positions and conviction. They spread misinformation and fear. They do not deserve special treatment. The identities of the senders are hidden through the use of generically named ad hoc committees and PACs.

Please deny Google's request to permit spam on its platform by federally registered political committees.

Sincerely,

Joyce van Berkel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Shawn Sheller](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Di not relax Google filter requirements  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:31:26 PM

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I am writing because I do not support Google's request to relax the current rules and standards for political fundraising and advocacy as it relates to accessing my email.

I was extremely alarmed at the short. For public comment that was initially published I appreciate that it has been extended.

I am very interested in hearing a draft response from your commission in regards to this proposal during this public comment time as well.

Thank you

Shawn sheller

Washington State voter and concerned citizen who is seeking that you do not expand Access or loosen the requirements for political advertising and fundraising in regards to email or anything else..

**From:** [Sharon Paltin](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** don't allow gmail to send political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:16:14 PM

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FEC staff:

As a gmail user, and citizen worried for our American democracy, I am voicing my request that the FEC stop gmail from allowing political spam.

The "echo chamber" of partisan political spam may be how the Nazis gained power (and they didn't even have the internet), and there is so much disinformation and garbage being disseminated as news and truth that I fear for our country.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Sharon Paltin, M.D.

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**From:** [Bert Mclean](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Draft AO 2022-14 (GOOGLE LLC)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:02:23 PM

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VIA E-MAIL: [ao@fec.gov](mailto:ao@fec.gov)  
Office of the Commission Secretary Federal Election Commission  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20463  
July 11, 2022

Re: Comment Re: Draft AO 2022-14 (GOOGLE LLC)

I am asking that the Federal Election Commission reject Google Inc.'s request to prevent its customers from putting spam protections on political emails.

Given that four Attorneys General are investigating fraudulent and misleading political fundraising practices, now is not the time for the FEC to make it easier for political fundraisers to evade spam protections and send unwanted e-mails to every Gmail user.

I receive an incredible number of fundraising emails and texts from politicians across the country and all parties. Unsubscribing just doesn't stop them. I find political fundraising e-mails overwhelming, annoying, and inescapable, and the FEC shouldn't be doing anything to make it easier for unscrupulous fundraisers to send people unwanted e-mails. Spam filters should maximize collection of these unwanted emails and not tailor or otherwise aide these spammers under the guise of free speech or to make more money. All political spam should only be allowed with a specific opt in by the recipient. sale of email addresses should be banned unless specifically allowed by the recipient.

Disallow any google or alphabet requests for exceptions. REDUCE ADS. No one that I know wants this junk.

Bert Mclean



**From:** [Rosa Guzman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** FEC. GMAIL  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:23:48 PM

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Sometimes, we don't learn. Why would you think, why would more of the same make a bad situation better? We don't seem to be able to undo mistakes that are clearly not good for our society. How long has it been obvious that there seems to be more anguish over creating guardrails and laws to punish bad behavior than allowing horrible things to be put on social media that have negative impact on everyone.

No more.

Rosa Jordan-Guzman



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ken Horkavy](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMAIL - GOOGLE POLITICAL SPAM  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:49:54 PM

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I am writing to state my strong OPPOSITION to allowing google to do 'political spam' or change the spam rules in any way for politicians.

People running for office should be held to a HIGHER standard than businesses in the first place. NO SPAM OF ANY KIND.

They should not be allowed to TEXT either, but they seem to be getting away with that since 2016 without consequences.

Ken Horkavy





**From:** [Kathie Brown](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail and Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:55:07 PM

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As you are aware social media has contributed to the polarization that exists in this country. Allowing political spam on Gmail is one contributor to that problem. Please require Gmail to prohibit political spam.

Thank you!

Kathie Brown  
Hudson, OH

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Jonathan Rubin](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail and political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:51:51 AM

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The idea of making the force multiplier of the Internet to become an even more efficient tool for disinformation, scams and hacks is anathema to me. Email subscribers are already inundated with political TV ads, texts, robo calls, phone calls, snail mail, AND email.

How would it possibly serve the public in general and gmail users in particular, by increasing the quantity of (alleged) legitimate requests for donations? It widens an already significant attack platform.

If the option to increase the voluminous attempts to political email SPAM is to exist, it must be disabled by default. It must be clearly requested and easily and quickly denied, with no possible way to bypass or obfuscate the default denial of increasing the SPAM.

Jonathan Rubin  
Schaumburg, IL

**From:** [V. Davis](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** gmail and Political SPAM  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:20:15 PM

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Please consider preventing gmail from allowing political spam to be freely distributed throughout personal mailboxes. Most of what is out there does not clearly and simply address important national, international, or humanitarian concerns such as poverty, disease, education, or international conflicts.

Instead it promotes, quotes, and spreads various biased and politically-based statements/stories that further confuse and/or misinform voters. In this day and age we readers/voters really need as much "Truth" as we can get so we can do our best to our best to provide a peaceful and habitable world for our children and their children and th.....

Thank you,  
Vicki Davis

**From:** [joyfredi@aol.com](mailto:joyfredi@aol.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMail and Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:15:03 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please stop gmail from spreading more hate. The country and world do not need more death and destruction to deal with. This practice is not helping any one maybe even your own family in the future since nobody is really safe at this time any more.

Thank you.

**From:** [Coreen Marroquin](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:23:06 PM

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Please do NOT allow Gmail or any other entity to post, mail, endorse, or promote disinformation, misinformation, or spam to pollute our political discourse. Such action will not only muddy the waters even more than is already occurring, but add to the out-of-control amounts of spam and junk emails already overwhelming the public. It's difficult enough to separate the truth from lies these days without you assisting and adding to the confusion.

Thank you,  
Coreen Marroquin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Simon Maybury](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMail Political Spam Nonsense  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:01:27 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to object to any allowance of political spam emails. My primary interface with the world is through email, and I already receive 100 emails/day from candidates with a valid reason to send, and who also cease when I unsubscribe.

Yahoo does a creditable job assigning non-political junk to my junk folder. I expect it will not be so discerning with political email, even from the Insurrectionist Party.

All mail server will waste uptime and energy handling junk email. This will raise global temperature and you will be responsible for this, and partially for the consequent megadeaths over the next 30 years.

Allowing uninvited email from the Insurrectionist Party is treason, in my world. So don't do it.

Yours faithfully

Simon Maybury

**From:** [B J Wieland-Doucet](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMAIL Political Spam Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:27:28 PM

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Good day to you,

I am writing to you to express my horror that my GMAIL account could be even more inundated with political garbage.

I receive at least 50 - 75 emails from various candidates & parties wanting money, votes or surveys. To allow Google GMAIL server(s) to take even MORE of my time wading thru their nonsense is untenable.

PLEASE, for the sake of all our sanity & precious free time, keep GMAIL from spamming us even more.

Thank you for your time & all you have to deal with.

Respectfully,

Barbara Wieland-Doucet  
[1celticwomyn@gmail.com](mailto:1celticwomyn@gmail.com)

**From:** [rnmfowler@aol.com](mailto:rnmfowler@aol.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMail political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:30:41 PM

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We get 30-50 political spam ads already. Please don't make it easier for even more unwanted spam ads.

Bob Fowler  
Chesterfield, MO 63017



**From:** [Ann Wigely](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail request to allow political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:08:49 PM

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To Whom It May Concern -

Gmail is a tool that has become widely used in both business and personal communication. I find it difficult to understand how my email is exposed to spam and Phishing efforts. I recently had my bank account accessed by fraud - privacy is diminishing in our technological age.

With every election more and more attempts are made to contact me and everyone else - it's difficult enough to keep my privacy and keep the spam out of the mailbox. Please deny the effort by Gmail to remove restrictions. Perhaps it might be time to find ways to protect our virtual privacy and stop spam and illegal access to our personal information. Gmail has no basis for saying this would make users of it's product better - rather the reverse is true - it will clog our already overflowing mailboxes with unsolicited appeals.

Thank you,  
Ann Wigely  
Denver, CO

**From:** [Craig Schulz](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:38:18 PM

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**Please stop gmail from allowing political spam.**

**Thank you!!**

**From:** [Roy ----](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:52:36 PM

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We are already inundated with spam, we do not need gmail to spread this virus any further.

**From:** [Don Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** gmail spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:22:25 PM

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Stop allowing spam from gmail

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Andrew Bergman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:02:57 PM

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Please do not authorize Gmail to permit political campaign material. This is a non-partisan safeguard for all Americans. We are subject to enough political propaganda through other sources. Leave our email as a safe place free of unsolicited political advertising. Please.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bergman



**From:** [Penny Holliday](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:16:29 PM

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I do not think allowing more spam into our lives is a good idea! And I believe, as many of my family and friends do, that by allowing political spam it would be unfair to one party over another depending solely on their fundraising and ability to launch these ads. Please do NOT allow this!

**From:** [Gary Wieselma](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail.com and their corporate spam habits!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:58:29 PM

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Ban [gmail.com](#) from sending spam to my gmail account. In Europe I would have more rights and the right to privacy that Google violates here in the United States with impunity.

Yours truly,

Gary Frasure-Wieselma



**From:** [Bill Rice](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:55:56 PM

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Please stop Gmail from allowing political spam on any of its platforms. This is a blatant attempt to undermine US democracy. Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Travis Jennings](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMAIL  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:50:28 PM

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STOP GMAIL FROM ALLOWING POLITICAL SPAM.

**From:** [Maria Salgado](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:54:38 PM

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I oppose and strongly object to Gmail being able to sell my information to political outlets.

**From:** [Gwen Clark](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** G-Mail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:21:02 PM

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Please bring honor and truthfulness back to our country. People have allowed the greatest crook of all time to reshape our country. It's a fight getting back to what we used to be. Pride, Honesty, The Light of Hope is what my family brought us up on. Our country has a long way to go as we weed out the falsehoods that has invaded our every beings. We must stop the bleeding that was the lie that Democrats had done something to win the elections. It started early in the year when they allowed brainless to take over their party. We're so much better than that. We so badly need to bring back love, compassion, caring in the place of mass shootings, automatic weapons, our children lost so senselessly, generations lost, and being lost in our memories. As we try to hold onto the memories of our loved ones. We must heal our country but it's going to take a long time. Each and everyone of us have the right to live our lives the way we want to. We must stop the falsehoods and stop those who selfishly care nothing but about themselves. This land is Our land, not just a certain group. Please take the small step and stop this mess so we can get back together again.

**From:** [barbara](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** gmail/spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:54:42 PM

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FEC, Stop gmail from admitting spam. This would disadvantage political parties' effectiveness. Thank you.

**From:** [Joseph Wasserman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail's political spam proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:37:50 PM

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To whom it may concern,

The amount of unsolicited email I am getting from candidates is now overwhelming. Please do not allow Gmail, to bombard people with more of this unsolicited email. I am always afraid I will lose critical email messages, as I get bombarded with this massive email.

Thank you

Joseph Wasserman



**From:** [John Martin](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** GOOGLE REQUEST FOR POLITICAL SPAM  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:55:59 AM

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I have both G-Mail and AOL email accounts. I already receive enough spam. I STRONGLY OBJECT to allowing Google to send political spam to my email account. DO NOT APPROVE GOOGLE'S REQUEST.

John K Martin



**From:** [Beverly Clark](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Google spam bypass  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:09:00 PM

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I strongly urge you to deny the request regarding the recent proposal by Google to allow political emails to bypass spam filters, AO 2022-14 (Google LLC).

This would be a terrible decision for a myriad of reasons. Individuals have a right to expect their spam system to do its job.

Please consider what would happen if all the millions of political emails that google bypassed our spam boxes were forwarded to you. (Not a pretty picture, is it? It does, however, give you an idea of how we, the people, will feel if you allow this proposal to move forward.)

But most important, this system would be ripe for abuse by those looking to disseminate misinformation and propaganda.

Please deny this proposal.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris Wallgren](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google Spam Filter Comments  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:36:53 AM

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Hello,

Our politicians are terrible people whose greed competes with their zeal for lying and for not understanding Americans. Whether it's inept Democrats or cruel Republicans, they do not deserve to ruin our days with more junk email. Maybe if they spent more time listening to their constituents and not preening on TV, ignoring common-sense approaches to supposedly divisive issues, and begging for money, they would accomplish something. Please do not allow Google to get rid of filters. If anything, it'd be nice if politicians could be restricted from any obnoxious campaigning in which they tell lies and whip people into a fury. Perhaps our new Supreme Court can come up with a crazy read of the Constitution in which they claim the Constitution never explicitly says politicians have rights or whatnot.

So anyhow, don't let Google be a bigger platform for crooked politicians to mislead us.

cw



**From:** [Dan Weber](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google Spam Filter Request  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:07:59 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please deny Google/Alphabet's request to allow political action committees to ignore spam filters. Please do this for all the obvious reasons.

Thanks!

-dan

**From:** [Michele Boley](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:47:12 PM

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I am 100% opposed to the request made by Google to allow unsolicited political spam emails to (further) flood my email!!

Thank you,  
Michele C Boley  
Naples, FL

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Toby Dann](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's proposed pilot to allow political email to bypass Spam rules  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:56:48 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to add my objection to the above plan. I understand Gmail has, for a long time, been a 'free' service which Google has the right to operate as it sees fit, I feel the above plan is cause for concern. I have paid for Google services, including Gmail, for a number of years now and hope this gives me some say in how the service operates. In an increasingly divided world ,political messaging has become more extreme, contains more misinformation and increasingly manipulates people's fears and concerns. I, for one, believe I should have the choice to treat such marketing (and it is that) as I do other unsolicited communications. Like many users, I have come to rely on Gmail to run my life and need it to contain only pertinent information or things I have (sometimes regrettably) chosen to receive. This proposed removal of control is worrying and unnecessary.

Yours sincerely

Toby Dann

**From:** [Mary Keeler](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Google's spam filters for political email  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:32:41 PM

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Dear AO:

My comment on the request from Google to ease spam filters for political email is "please do not approve this"!

Political candidates and fundraisers already send huge amounts of email (at much less cost than USPS mail), which does not help me make political decisions. Please Do Not allow Google Gmail to exclude political email from spam filters.

This is just another monetary boon to Google, but a detriment to the US voting public.

Dr. Keeler

**From:** [Skye Blaine](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** I already get massive amounts of political spam from Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:20:20 PM

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I already get massive amounts of political spam from Gmail.  
I'm begging you, please stop this!  
You have the power. I'd appreciate your consideration.  
Thank you,  
Skye Blaine

**From:** [Lisa Lipowski](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** I would like Fec to stop gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:44:25 PM

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Hello, my name is Lisa Lipowski. I would like the fec to Gmail allowing a political scam. I feel as if my Gmail accounts are composed because of this and I am censored.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jillrosecke0@gmail.com](mailto:jillrosecke0@gmail.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Junk politics in my box  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:49:01 PM

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STOP !

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michele Bain](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:15:15 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gmail (which I use but plan to change) because you "peppers" my computer with ads as a result of inquiries I make on my computer, and I am inundated with that stuff. Now this is all spam already but to add to that political spam should not happen to any of us, and surely not deliberately perpetrated by you to us, your customers.

So please stop those now. Otherwise, adios. Michele Baon



**From:** [trtfmnlwr@aol.com](mailto:trtfmnlwr@aol.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 8:02:43 PM

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Stop gmail from allowing the online equivalent of robo calls

Robert Handelsman



**From:** [Eileen Sherry](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:11:05 PM

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Please stop Gmail from political spam. It is harmful.

**From:** [cserotini](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:25:08 PM

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We don't need more divisive info. Please stop.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Michelle Palladine](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No Gmail Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:53:20 PM

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I have gmail accounts strictly for business. The main reason I used gmail was because there was far less spam than with other email providers.

Don't ruin a good thing just for money.

Michelle Palladine

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [steve trujillo](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** no political ads on Gmail.....  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:20:53 PM

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Why?

1. that is not why i use Gmail. if i want to send a political message, i use a website or a newspaper response column. or my Facebook page.
2. my gmail account is linked to my cabrillo community college board of trustees account. i am an elected member of the board. i do NOT want political ads in with my Cabrillo gmail account.
3. we have enough political ads on the computer. we need to have some things that are non political, just personal.
4. gmail provides other services for income. they do not need political ads.
5. there is too much tracking of my gmail account anyway. give me back some of my privacy, PLEASE !!!

Steve Trujillo . Cabrillo community college board of trustees , district 7

[REDACTED]

thank you.

**From:** [Zach Wilks](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** NO POLITICAL FUNDRAISING EMAILS  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:44:15 AM

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To Whom It May Concern!

There is no legitimate reason beyond political greed and abuse of power for the FEC to cooperate with Google's desire to circumvent spam filters for the purpose of political fundraising campaigns.

This is a blatant and grotesque abuse of corporate and political power over normal people for the selfish monetary gains and interests.

The political candidates of today have "enough fucking money" and large corporate donors (and sadly in many cases churches donating) that regular Americans do not need another avenue for them to pester us with.

Due to a lack of transparency in political fundraising as it is - this is some absolute BULLSHIT to allow, if I wanted to donate to their god damned campaigns then it's easily findable with a two second google search already, why in the living hell would I need another bombardment of information to donate my hard earned money to a political shill? Could it be that google that google stands to profit greatly from this decision? I'm sure the largest collector of data that they shameless sell does not need more handouts from the government.

Please make the right decision and tell google and aspiring political candidates kick rocks. Maybe they can ask for more of their corporate sugar daddies for more cash and not underpaid tax payers!

Disrespectfully yours,

One Sincerely Pissed Off American.

**From:** [Kelly DeVine](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No political spam from GOOGLE  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:08:42 PM

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Dear FEC Board Members,

I oppose allowing GOOGLE to send unsolicited partisan emails to my account. Dark money groups and foreign adversaries have already proven that they can turn social media platforms into spaces of propaganda and mis/disinformation to the detriment of the American public. I do not see a future where this activity does end the same way, populated by narrow and/or malign interests seeking to unduly influence policy and our shared democratic institutions.

With kind regards,  
Kelly DeVine  
Port Jefferson, NY  
Global Peace Film Festival  
IT STARTS HERE.

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**Kelly DeVine > Artistic Director**  
[www.peacefilmfest.org](http://www.peacefilmfest.org)

**From:** [Lea Ekman](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** No political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:03:37 PM

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Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Andrew Watts](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:14:57 PM

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No political spam from gmail. That's all.

**From:** [Charles Cain](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No to letting political emails bypass spam filters  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:02:52 PM

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I am writing this email to state that I do not want political emails to bypass spam filters. Allowing those emails to bypass spam filters during election season may have a reverse effect. People may look at the number of emails from a particular candidate and decide to NOT vote for that particular candidate due to being overloaded in email.

Charles Cain

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[charles.cain@ccconsultinggroup.com](mailto:charles.cain@ccconsultinggroup.com)

Truly Human Notice: Getting this email out of normal working hours? We work at a digitally-enabled relentless pace, which can disrupt our ability to sleep enough, eat right, exercise, and spend time with the people that matter most. I am sending you this email at a time that works for me. I only expect you to respond to it when convenient to you.

**From:** [Edge, Ronald D](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose FEC Plan to Require Google Gmail Not to Send Political Spam Email to Junk  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:16:29 AM

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I am a retired computer professional, over 35 years experience in industry.  
It is hard enough to keep one's email spam free.  
But letting political email spam (by definition UNSOLICITED) will erode usefulness of email accounts.  
ALL unsolicited email is spam, be definition.  
I have about nine Gmail accounts that I actively use or have in reserve.

**I am absolute in my opposition to this proposal.**

This IU account was once attacked by a spammer, and flooded with bounces from a spam run made to look as if I had sent the email.  
The university had to put a special spam filter in place on my account as I received over 30,000 bounced emails.  
At one point, we thought we would have to kill the account, and create a new one. Fortunately, we prevailed, and I have had this account for 37 years.

Spam email is one of the worst plagues on the Internet. It can quickly render an email account unusable.

Ron.

**Ronald D. Edge**

Retired from Indiana University Mar 1, 2011

<http://edgeinfotech.com>

<http://edgeonlinesales.com>

<http://iuhoosiers.com>

**"You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there."**

**"When you come to the fork in the road, take it."**

**--Yogi Berra**

**"If the apocalypse comes, beep me."**

**--Buffy Summers, Vampire Slayer**

**From:** Eva Love  
**To:** AD  
**Subject:** Please deny Gmail's opt-out to send created for political emails  
**Date:** May 22, 2022, 4:07 PM

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As a long time Gmail user, I want this application to be denied. When a user creates an email account, there should be a reasonable expectation that any mass mailings that user did not specifically sign up for should be directed to a spam filter until the user whitelists that sender. Allowing unasked-for political mail is in no way deserving of special exemption. This will just create more annoyance for the owners of gmail accounts and provide no benefit to the political discourse of this country. In addition, it could cause one political party to have an advantage over another, further hurting our already divided political discourse.

Please deny this request.

Thank you,  
Eva Love



**Eva Love**  
**The Relationship Mentor**  
Transforming unhappy couples into thriving, juicy relationships  
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

**From:** [Larry Little](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please Don't Allow Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:10:20 PM

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To Whom it Might Concern,

No one wants to receive spam of any sort. It jams inboxes, forces everyone to delete masses of unwanted messages, and interferes with productivity. It's a complete waste of time and attention. Anything we can do to prevent even more spam from arriving would be helpful.

Political spam would be particularly objectionable. It would give candidates, political parties, PACs, causes, movements, etc., unlimited access to our inboxes, which would guarantee that much of it would be unwanted and result in even more emails to be deleted. Also, the playing field would not be level; wealthier candidates or groups could afford to send more spam.

Please spare us from the tyranny of unfettered political spam! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Little

**From:** [Lori Stefano](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop Gmail's political spam proposal!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:51:05 PM

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I am strongly opposed to Gmail's proposal to let political spam bypass filters and go straight to my Priority Inbox.

I receive about 200 political emails a day. They are relegated to my lowest-priority Inbox until I get a chance to address or delete them.

If they were allowed access to my Priority Inbox, I would never be able to find my Priority email. The political spam would take over my Inbox, and that's all I would be able to see, since that Inbox only shows a maximum of 50 emails at a glance.

This is a TERRIBLE idea. It makes me helpless against political spam and invades my peace and PRIVACY.

In addition, I believe this could give one political party an advantage over another. One party is known to blast out political fundraising emails to the tune of 25-50 or more PER DAY. We would be inundated with spam.

Please, please do not let Gmail do this. It is a disaster waiting to happen. I will have to leave Gmail if they are allowed to invade my peace of mind and privacy, and I will not hesitate to do so.

Now is the time for the FEC to strengthen regulations on political communications, not open citizens up to even more rampant political messaging.

Thank you for your time.

Lori Stefano

**From:** [Kate McClanaghan](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please STOP Political SPAM!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:59:30 PM

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I'm asking you to please end the unsolicited political spam generated into my gmail. Most of my friends, family, clients, neighbors and associates use Google and gmail with regularity. How is it they are granted unlimited access to inundating us ALL with paid propaganda and political manipulation.

**PLEASE USE YOUR ABILITIES AND POSITION TO STOP THIS ASAP!**

It's an assault that's both insidious, unprovoked and should be unlawful, if it isn't already!

Sincerely,

Kate McClanaghan  
Actors' SOUND ADVICE



**From:** [Susan J Morris](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political ad belong in Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:05:42 PM

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I have too many email every day. I do not want unsolicited political ads and their fund raising ads to go directly into my incoming email. Let these go to the spam file. If I feel it necessary, I can scan the Spam files when I have time (rarely).

Thank you, Susan J Morris



**From:** [Ruth Kaiser](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political emails MUST GO TO SPAM FOLDER!!!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:57:55 PM

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Please do NOT allow political emails to go to our primary inbox. They should be marked SPAM BECAUSE THEY ATE SPAM!!!

**From:** [Kristina Hall](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:13:51 PM

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Please stop political emails, it is a vast of money on all sides. Thanks, Kristina Hall

**From:** [Terry and Dottie Hess](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Scam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:16:23 PM

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You are destroying our democracy by allowing mistruths and conspiracies to take hold in our society. That's why you can't scream "fire" in a movie theater. There needs to be some "curbs" so people don't start "wildfires" by lies and innuendos.

**From:** [maquire@humboldt1.com](mailto:maquire@humboldt1.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political seal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:53:50 PM

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Don't allow political spam! If you really want to make people happy, eliminate ALL spam.

**From:** [bethwd4art@aol.com](mailto:bethwd4art@aol.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam and gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:25:22 PM

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I get more than enough political spam via my telephone. It is invasive and beyond irritating.

Please do not let it infiltrate gmail.



**From:** [Michael Condon](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam ByPass: Google  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:06:17 PM

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Dear FCC -

I'm writing to oppose Google's plan to allow political senders to bypass spam filtration, as suggested in their July request for comment. Political senders, especially fundraising, are already misleading and aggressive enough to crowd out legitimate communications. Email consumers need effective tools to manage their communication - allowing a fast-lane which bypasses normal filtering will negatively impact consumers. There's no reason political messaging shouldn't have to abide by the same rules as general commercial interests. If they wish to reach consumers, campaigns need to create meaningful messages, not click-bait spam.

Thank You -  
Michael R. Condon

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**From:** [Ruth Osborne](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam email  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:56:54 PM

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To Whom it may Concern

I am sick and tired of political spam. I have tried to unsub, no luck there. I have also tried blocking which has helped a little. I am almost at my wits end with election still almost four months away. Please help!

Sincerely

Ruth Osborne

**From:** [Marcia Miller](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:29:51 PM

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Dear FEC,

As a Gmail user, I continue to be stunned by the number of unwanted, unsolicited emails that appear in my Inbox. Some go directly to SPAM because I've created filters to enable this. Other slip through no matter what I do.

SPAM is the digital equivalent of junk phone calls. Nobody likes them, everybody loathes them, but most of us figure we have few options.

However, I don't support Gmail's notion to send political emails directly to spam. It should be MY decision what to read and what to discard. I am also fully capable of unsubscribing when I receive unwanted or inappropriate emails.

There must be some sort of middle ground. Perhaps political email could be labeled or tagged as such so they could be more easily managed (i.e., discarded).

Thank you for your time and consideration. Political spam is a TERRIBLE idea.  
Marcia K. Miller  
New York, NY 10023-2695



**From:** [Tamara Bergum](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam in my GMAIL  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:58:40 PM

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I do not appreciate receiving Political spam in my personal GMAIL folder. It is a time waster, which I do not appreciate.

Please stop all Political Spam in my GMAIL

Thank you!

**From:** [James Sayre](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:55:38 PM

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Please do not allow political spam to reach our mailbox. There is so much false information floating around to influence gullible people. Look what happened in the 2020 election. There are idiots still believing Trump's Big Lie. It has got to stop!!!! We almost lost our democracy and you should never be helping them try again. The threat is not only NOT going away, it is getting worse. If you allow political spam, you will be aiding and abetting the insurrectionists.

Thank you,  
Joan Sayre

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Howard Bedient](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:07:40 PM

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Please do not allow political entities to bypass spam protections. Don't we already get plenty of unrequested and unwanted e-mails?

Howard Bedient  
Alamo, TX

**From:** [Diane PIRES](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:04:00 PM

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Dear FEC

Please do not allow political spam on Gmail. I am getting enough unasked for political mail now. I have spent too much time unsubscribing and deleting the emails I don't want. I consider Gmail my personal space in many ways—unsolicited political emails are invading that space.

Thank you for considering my comments in making your decision on allowing political spam emails on Gmail.

D. Pires

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sandy Birdsong](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:34:08 PM

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PLEASE do something about this!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [kratgray61](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:50:12 PM

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First of all, no one wants spam! Most if all, POLITICAL SPAM!! It's bad enough that we're dealing with a huge misinformation problem due to the lies and corruption Trump and his cronies have been continuing to drum into his loyal subjects, but then they have the balls to run again after trying to overthrow the government! Why aren't these people in jail instead of sending spam about their corruption!! Don't!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Brian Barrett](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:05:52 PM

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Why do you continue to allow mis-information and clearly inflammatory posts? They are causing death from encouraged mass killers and sow political garbage which inflames polarization. When will you allocate resources to curb the violence that you allow and create? It is time to prevent the yelling of fire in the theatre, which is not protected by the 1st Amendment !

Sincerely,  
Brian J. Barrett  
Senior Director  
Cornerstone Commercial Real Estate



**From:** [Paul Martin](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:54:57 PM

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Political spam has no place in a democracy! Save our democracy!

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [ANNETTE MILLER](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:08:52 PM

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Please do not allow political scam. It's bad enough already with previous deregulation. My inbox is inundated with junk of all kinds!

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Susan Trombley](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:30:40 PM

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Aloha. As a retired teacher, I can only afford a small amount of data, memory, and messages. Please block political spam as I need to keep my limited resources available for my family connections.

Mahalo for your understanding.

**From:** [Barbara Carton-Riker](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:18:41 PM

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There is or should be a responsibility for all social networks to make certain that no spam or lies are posted on their sites. Period.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [policau@outlook.com](mailto:policau@outlook.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam...  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:58:16 PM

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Just say NO to gmail allowing political spam. We get enough spam without allowing all of the political lies to get into our emails without our permission!

NO POLITICAL SPAM ALLOWED!

**From:** [Lumina Greenway](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:52:34 PM

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Please do not allow political spam on  
Gmail! Thank you!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mary Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:46:47 PM

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To whom it may concern,  
I'm tired of getting emails from politicians asking for money . It is panhandling through the email . It shouldn't be tolerated. Thank you for your action in this matter  
Mary Schmidt

**From:** [Christine Dougherty](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Gmail spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:25:38 PM

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Hello! I'm writing to ask the FEC to reject the proposal that would allow Gmail to flood our inboxes with unsolicited political emails. Already I receive entirely too many emails from political candidates and parties, many of which I didn't at least consciously sign up to receive. It used to be under control. Now, I have to spend an hour each week just eliminating the junk in my inbox. I shudder to think how many more I would receive if Gmail has its way. Here's the kicker: I strongly believe in citizen participation in the political process. Politicians \*need\* to be kept tabs on, you know? With that said, there's a limit to how much the average citizen can tolerate before throwing her hands up in disgust with the whole matter. Too many emails soliciting money for candidates can discourage us from participating in elections if we believe the politicians are just after cash. Please consider very thoroughly the effect this proposal could have on the general public. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Christine Dougherty

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Stephen Mik](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Protections from Political Gmails in Inboxes  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:37:36 PM

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I am a concerned Voter and gmail recipient who does not like the idea that Political gmails may be a force of the Future. Since the GOP has most of the Financial resources, the gmails would be Biased towards their Party, allowing Elections to swing in their direction. Please take this issue into account.  
SINCERELY, Stephen Mik, Voter and Internet Gmail recipient.



**From:** [Walter Gillett](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AO 2022-14 (Google LLC)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:05:01 PM

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Dear FEC -

I've been a gmail user for a long time and a voter for much longer. Please DO NOT ALLOW Google to flood customer inboxes with political spam. This would be a nuisance and also pose major privacy and security risks.

Sincerely,

Walter Gillett

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Jonathan Greene](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Stop Gmail from Allowing Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:49:04 PM

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Allowing political spam on any social media or public venue should be illegal.

First, it has been a problem in the past as shown in Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. Not only has it been a vehicle for misinformation but also a vehicle for spreading hate, homophobia, xenophobia, racism, sexism, misogyny, and lies.

Second, it has been used to subvert elections in the United States by not just political parties but also foreign nations. Foreign nations that have used the office of the president as well as other offices to influence our position and appearance in view of the entire world. It has been used to direct the course of the narrative of political debates, political platforms, decisions and results.

There is also the issue that Gmail, Facebook, Twitter or any other social media platform, email service provider, telecommunications, texting, messaging service, and as shown in current news, infotainment shows as those broadcasted on Fox "News" channel have been able to accurately monitor, prevent, restrict or remove the dissemination of fake news and misinformation from its platform neither before it is made public nor before it has been able to affect change or bias. That change or bias is then not able to be corrected or remediated as the damage is already done.

Lastly, the goal of any internet based entity should be to decrease the amount of spam, scammers, identity theft, pleas for money, malicious links, misinformation, propaganda, "fake news" and situations where a consumer of their services may be brought into harm with or without their direct knowledge.

Simply allowing any means of public transmission of these types and absolving themselves of the content and responsibility for the role that they play in its impact are not acceptable. This isn't something that should just be up to the FEC to decide but the FCC and other government entities that have bearing on the ability for lies and discourse to be spread to the public from domestic sources but from international sources as well.

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Thanks,

Jonathan Greene

**From:** [Mark Schilling](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:11:48 AM

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Dear Sirs,

I am against allowing political emails to bypass spam filters in Gmail or any other mail service.

This certainly should be something that a user or recipient should have to opt into voluntarily and not have to receive involuntarily.

Regards,  
Mark Schilling

**From:** [S.O Villar](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Rule NO on Google's request to exempt political emails from Spam filtering.....  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:46:47 PM

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This should definitely NOT be allowed. This is a terrible idea that would open the floodgates to even more spammy, abusive, lie and hate-infested political advertisements. No. Not now, not EVER!

Suzanne Villar

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [WALTER SPENCER](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Scamming  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:14:34 PM

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Dear sirs,  
Hasn't Trump already shown himself to be a scammer??

**From:** [Mark Setterberg](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:05:49 PM

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Please no more unsolicited Spam messages. Citizens are tired of them.  
Thanks.

Mark Setterberg



**From:** [Patricia Berte](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:31:16 PM

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Please stop the FEC from gmail political spam. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [nancy.griffith](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:05:51 PM

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Please stop gmail from allowing political spam.  
Mistruths, exaggerations, conspiracy theories are destroying our democracy. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:08:02 PM

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The internet has been abused by many political and business entities to promote unverifiable and/false claims and positions. It is unfair to the vast number of working and elderly people who are not overly familiar with the internet or who don't have time to investigate claims made through this mode of communication and therefore, accept these statements as fact. Please stop this Spam from influencing our political system.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Carol & Allen Frechette](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:45:32 PM

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Please stop political spam from g-mail. Thanks.

Carol Frechette

**From:** [Gail Fleischaker](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop gmail from allowing political spam!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:58:37 PM

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Sirs:

We have more than enough in our inboxes! Do not let Google/Gmail flood us out. Unsolicited campaign emails should end up in my spam folder, where they belong. I'll have to give up email altogether if political campaign emails are allowed without filtering.

Thank you,

Gail



**From:** [Holden Hume](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop Gmail from allowing political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:53:09 PM

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**PLEASE, stop Gmail from allowing political spam**

Thanks,  
Holden Hume, Oakland CA

**From:** [Anne-Marie Levy](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail's political spam proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:59:38 PM

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Enough is enough. SpM must be stopped.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [W Wynne Zaugg](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop gmails filthy political bullshit NOW  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:42:37 PM

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**From:** [Joe Pfister](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Gmail's political spam proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:32:34 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend DENYING the request for Google to deliver political emails directly to mailboxes. Their proposal argues it would "improve the user experience of Gmail users." Hardly. Getting more messages I consider spam is NOT improving my experience.

Please keep the restrictions as they are.

Best wishes,

Joe Pfister



**From:** [JOAN GROSSMAN](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Gmail's political spam proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:21:43 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am strongly against Gmail's proposal to allow political spam to overwhelm inboxes. This is another way for dark money to evade oversight and will most definitely favor one party, the Republican Party, and deep pocketed special interests. It is bad enough to be bombarded on the airwaves; please keep email addresses safe.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Joan Grossman

**From:** [Mark Scofield](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop political spam on Gmail and the rest  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:58:13 PM

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This policy favors the deepest pockets, meaning the Democrat and Republican parties over Libertarians, Greens and other parties without the same advertising resources. Further, the RNC has been demonstrably more willing to use this spam advertising than even the Democrats. Thanks for your consideration.

Mark Scofield

Canon City CO.

**From:** [Maureen Peterson](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP POLITICAL SPAM ON MY GMAIL !!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:03:52 PM

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**From:** [clare clayfisher.com](mailto:clare@clayfisher.com)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP political spam!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:48:16 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [James Roberts](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop political spam, disinformation through gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:24:08 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [bkband@atlanticbb.net](mailto:bkband@atlanticbb.net)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP POLITICAL SPAM  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:55:27 PM

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FUCK GMAIL if it cannot control its content.

**From:** [Rooney, Ellen](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop political spammers!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:59:31 PM

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This proposal from gmail is scandalous. No politician is entitled to spam me. No one whatsoever has a right to override my explicit decision to block their emails as spam -- to eat up my time demanding I read their drivel, lies and threats. Given the violent extremists ever more active in our lives, no seditious, racist propaganda monger should be able to harass and threaten me or assail me with lurid images and fantasies with no recourse for me to just say no. Please block this proposal.

**From:** [Marvel Stalcup](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:05:40 PM

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**stop gmail from allowing political spam**

**Marv**



**From:** [andrew hefner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** unrestricted campaign spam e-mail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:04:41 PM

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If Google is allowed to remove restrictions on unsolicited emails from political campaigns it will result in an avalanche of hateful, toxic misinformation flooding everyone's inbox every day.

We need to be putting more restrictions on harmful disinformation campaigns, not making them easier.

Thanks for your attention on this matter, Andrew Hefner

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Virus-free. [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com)

**From:** [Kristi Bruner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Unsolicited emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:59:04 PM

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NO. I do not want unsolicited email to come in my email. There is too much misinformation included in them. I get enough garbage to go through every day. I do not need more. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS. Thank you.

Christine M Bruner



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** unsolicited political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:56:18 PM

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NO. I do not want unsolicited political email to come to my email. I get enough garbage to go through every day as it is. If it were all true, it would be one thing but there is so much misinformation put out there, I don't need it in my face all the time. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS!  
Thank you.

*Kristi Bruner*

Prorate Services Inc

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** UNSOLICITED POLITICAL SPAM GMAIL  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:29:17 PM

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I strongly OBJECT to political emails from any political party getting special exemption from Spam Filters, and urge you to deny Google's request to do so . These political emails are primarily donation requests and contain no fact checking of truth vs lies & misrepresentation. They DO NOT BELONG in UN-solicited email accounts.

This is a total infringement of my gmail or any email account. It is only in the interests of political parties & candidates to generate monies & votes. These emails are NOT REQUESTED NOR WANTED to appear in any email account. They are definitively SPAM IN NATURE & DESIGN. DENY SUCH & ALL POLITICAL ACTIONS TO EMAIL/GMAIL ACCOUNTS.....

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ann Till

**From:** [Matthew Fillpot](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 2:00:54 PM

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The proposal to force consumers to opt out of political solicitations is outrageous. We are already inundated with television ads, online ads, campaign posters, social media, etc.. from political campaigns and should not be forced to take additional actions to protect our mailboxes from the potential of 24/7 solicitations.

I believe the opposite actions should be required, all political email campaigns should be required to use opt-in campaigns originating from a website submission with a single confirmation email including an opt-in confirmation link before additional correspondence can be sent. All unsolicited correspondence should be immediately routed to junk mail. Unsolicited emails should be automatically reported to the FEC and fines should be enforced against the campaigns for infractions.

While I understand the concern from politicians that their messages are being lost, all parties must understand that the messages are being filtered due to large quantities of user input and their past negative behavior on the various platforms. We should not excuse their negative behaviors just because they are related to political actions.

**From:** [Sheila Cowden](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AOR 2022-14  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:55:32 AM

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**Gmail has asked the Federal Election Commission for an advisory opinion on a proposed pilot program to allow federal political campaigns and party committees to bypass spam filtering algorithms and send messages directly to consumer inboxes without consequence. This approval is a bad idea which would open the door to a drastic increase in fundraising emails from countless political campaigns which we have no interest in hearing from and increase the barrage of unwanted and unverified emails that must be waded through to find important and solicited messages. Please do not allow this to happen. The American public is capable of looking up information on candidates and issues of interest in approaching elections.**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Sheila Cowden**

**From:** [Kevin Dalley](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment AO 2022-14 (Google LLC)  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:49:36 PM

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I recommend denying the request for Google to deliver political emails directly to mailboxes.

Unrequested email is spam, even if it is from a political candidate.

**From:** [Stamatina Podes](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:04:24 PM

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Allowing spam to continue being posted on gmail allows lies and untruths to be spread and influence millions with those lies.

For the sake our country and its democracy, this must not be allowed to continue!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

SDP  


Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Anthony Ishak](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail political email proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:24:17 PM

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Hi

I'm writing in opposition to google's proposal to allow sending political emails without a filter blocking them. I value my privacy and prefer to keep my email as private as possible.

Thanks

Anthony Ishak

**From:** [Jeffrey Huang](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail Political Spam Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 6:46:26 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jeffrey Huang and I am a United States citizen living at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am writing with regards to the proposed Gmail changes that would enable for political messages to bypass a spam filter.

The last thing I wish to see is for oppositions misinformation and pundits in my inbox. By default, most of such things are opt-in, rather than opt-out, and in keeping with privacy ethics and ideals it should remain as such. The last thing we need is more misinformation to get out in the world and confuse or trigger people. I already get enough dumb things in social media.

This appears to be an attempt to keep people using Gmail... For the apparent need for more data harvesting and collection through seeing what types of things people will read or not read. Given the overreach of large technology companies and our relative toothless regulation of them, I urge you as an agency to reconsider and put the metaphorical foot down.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Huang

**From:** [M Leow](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:08:50 AM

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Hello,

I am deeply disappointed that Gmail is going to allow political spam to happen. There's far too much spam to deal with, to even consider political spam. It could favor one political party over another. And that's just wrong.

Gmail, stay out of my politics and start preventing spam in all forms!!!

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**From:** [catmcnutt](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google issue  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 2:06:45 PM

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I have just discovered Google's interest in relaxing spam filter settings for political emails. Please do not undermine consumer's ability to filter their communications per their own liking. Political ads should not have special considerations. Politicians should not be able to buy our attention at every turn!  
Instead, concentrate on the abuse that is already being perpetrated and actually hold transgressors to account. It's disappointing to know how much abuse your dept allows without consequences. Don't add another avenue for abuse.

Thank you,  
Catherine McNutt

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

**From:** [Richard Lubbers](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google political email spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 4:59:20 PM

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There is almost nothing worse for our democracy and my personal peace of mind than allowing unsolicited political emails to bypass Gmail and other spam filters. Please do not allow this request from Google to go through

Best - Rick

Richard Lubbers



I tried to become The Most Interesting Man In The World, but only got as far as eccentric

**From:** [Mike McKay](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google political email  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 3:12:54 PM

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Greetings.

No sense in being long winded, just know that we are very much against Google loosening it's spam filter on political messages.

Thanks.

Mike and Leslie Whittle  
Cypress, Tx

**From:** [Allison Foytik](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's Plan to Relax Spam Filters for Political Emails  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:45:49 AM

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Good morning,

INRE to Google's request to allow political emails to bypass spam filters,  
OF COURSE THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO!

They shouldn't be allowed to give away our email addresses to anyone involved in political campaigns, fundraising for campaigns, or the like.

I have both gmail and yahoo email. There are more businesses cluttering up my email as it is that I miss many an important email relative to me. And businesses are 'allowed' to do so because of some minor contact with them. Unsubscribing is a joke, and 'opting out' is a hoop jumping exercise that usually goes in circles. And NOW! there is consideration to just let anything relative to political campaigning and fundraising to drop into our inboxes uninvited!

Google says they will insure legitimacy of these groups - bah! There has not been a single internet media entity to actually do this. Our email will be so inundated with legit and illegit 'political' email it will be rendered useless. More people will be scammed, more elderly will be ripped off, and more viruses will be dropped onto our computers and devices such that Google may as well give these groups our social security numbers and bank account information to save them some time.

It is hard to put into concise words how frustrating this is and how irate this makes me personally. The general populace has always been a pawn to big business, and now our government is going to allow big business, Google in this case, to blatantly abuse our rights, our privacy, and our security. This is so disheartening!

Do not allow Google or any other media company to bypass filters and give away our e-addresses to political groups so that both can line their pockets and let these groups into our e-communications uninvited!

R/  
Allison Foytik  
Virginia

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Bob Lovell](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:11:53 AM

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I oppose allowing Gmail to lower screens for campaign emails. A stuffed email box becomes unusable when I have to search for meaningful messages among a ton of spam.

Bob Lovell





**From:** [Cathi Willette](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 8:15:09 PM

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PLEASE STOP GMAIL from spewing forth more political crap - most of which is less than true, ALWAYS subjective & one-sided, and only continues to add to the division & derision in our country!!!

Thank you.



**From:** [John Hyman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** New Google Program Should NOT be Approved  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 6:12:12 AM

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Google's request to the FEC this month asking for a green light on a program that would essentially let it rip when it comes to political emails, and thus no longer be susceptible to spam filters following the proposed move and get a direct line to primary inboxes, is repulsive.

As a small business that hosts email for clients, I see every day the enormity of the SPAM issue. As a business owner, I deal with the disruptive calls and email that waste my time. As a human being, is nothing sacred from the reach og greedy and irresponsible marketers?

BTW - I own a marketing agency. My industry has many talented people but sadly has many nefarious ones.

Since the commenting period on the proposal remains ongoing, I implore you to block this new program.

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Sincerely yours,



John Hyman



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** No on AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:56:52 AM

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Political campaigns need more scrutiny, not less.

**From:** [Scott Zeh](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No political spam in inboxes!  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:40:08 AM

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Please do not allow Google to go through with this horrible plan, it could allow extensive predatory and malicious emails to end up in inboxes! This could end up duping unsuspecting people into giving away their money by intimation and fear caused by some of these toxic campaigns. There could even be a case scenario where say a bad actor who runs for public office takes advantage of and exploits this hypothetical new policy and sends out a massive misinformation campaign, distributes phishing emails, scams asking for money- with or without threats, and/or even launching a cyber attack in emails. This proposal by Google if allowed to go through would be terrible for democracy, consumers, and individuals: do not let this happen!

**From:** [Laurence Hiner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop Gmail from political spamming  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:37:05 PM

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Hello!

I oppose the further intrusion of big tech into our lives.

It's enough that these bandits continue to send meaningless advertising to us but now they want to send potentially unsubstantiated and possibly erroneous or misleading political drivel our way?

Please for the sake of the Republic, DO NOT permit Gmail to send political spam! I already get enough crap as is and the potential for nefarious abuse frightens the daylights out of me.

Thanks for listening. Please do the right thing and shut their stupid idea down.

All the best,

Laurence A. Hiner



**From:** [Elene Shapiro](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** policy  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 6:09:12 PM

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FEC,

I know the agency is replete with intelligence that whispers in that rising crescendo about ethical and moral crimes and misdemeanors allowed by social media. Please augment those wise whispers into a strong, booming thematic message!

Thank you,  
Elene

**From:** [Carol Gaham](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:37:12 PM

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I get to much spam as it is. I do not want to see political garbage in my inbox, please. Politics is hateful speech.

Thanks

**From:** [Dianna Davidson](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political SCAM.....  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:21:50 PM

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Just eliminate Political Scam.

Nothing more has to be said.

dianna



**From:** [Rachel S](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:02:14 AM

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Please stop google ( monetary greed) from promoting political spam. There will be no control of lies, bullying, bribery, stealing money from innocent, ignorant or hate mongers many of whom can't afford to give food or gas money away but become almost hypnotized !

Politics in this country "has gone to the dogs "!

What happened to honesty virtue caring for fellow man??

Politics is now a money grabbing institution. Please let's help correct this calamity. Social networking might be good but in the case of politics it is very bad. How to decipher the truth if there is any ?

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Laurie Azzoto](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:29:35 AM

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I don't need any political lying spam, especially from republicans!! I get enough of spam in my aol mail it is ridiculous. I haven't gotten any spam on my gmail and DON'T want it.

Laurie Azzoto

**From:** [Eric West](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:14:54 PM

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The FEC should ban all spam on gmail and every other platform. Political lies are the basis for cheating on elections and fostering hate crimes.

**From:** [Oddquad0090](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:30:44 PM

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WE ARE FLOODED WITH T.V.ADS, RADIO ADS, MAIL GARBAGE ADS, ETC . . . PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE POLITICAL ADS TO RUIN MY GMAIL !!! THE ADS WILL COME FROM RUSSIA, CHINA, POLAND, ETC . . . WHY OPEN US UP FOR SLANTED INFO, SKEWED TO HELP DESTROY AMERICA !!!!! STOP THIS IN ITS TRACKS, WE THE PEOPLE WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL !!!  
IT'S JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR AMERICA HELP US CITIZENS FOR A CHANGE !!!

**From:** [Kathy Smiley](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:30:54 PM

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For God's sake, DO NOT make the torrent of political hysterical 'donate' spam any easier. Every time I open my email (and I am a very interested person in politics) my in-box is flooded with similarly formatted begging for money. Yeah, sure, I'll just send you some of those loose 1000-dollar bills that are littering my living room, moron. Most people right now don't have extra money for ANYTHING, let alone politicians campaign chests. I'm retired and living on social security, and that is a challenge today, believe me! I may have to go back to work just to survive, and I live in the middle of nowhere (NE KS) where the cost of living is much lower than the coasts or urban metropolises. Even though I made a good salary when I was working, SS is barely enough to keep me from having to trap squirrels for food, so I don't appreciate the constant whining of politician for money and get very tired of having to go through my inbox every day pruning all those emails out of my account. PLEASE don't do anything to increase the problem!!!!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Smiley, PhD  
Manhattan, KS

**From:** [Tony Vazquez](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam filters for political emails  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:22:00 AM

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Dear FEC:

I am writing to oppose a new proposal that would exempt political emails from being detected by spam filters.

I am opposed for two reasons. First, I have populated my inbox with many folders: e.g., Friends, Politics, Car, Volunteering, Entertainment, Receipts. I compose a Rule that will direct incoming email by sender into its folder. It works pretty well, & results in my "real" email residing in folders, & spam being left behind in my Inbox. I can look at email about my car insurance, and ignore until later email about theater. With a quick check of the subject line, I can delete spam by the dozens from my unfiltered inbox. Undermining my capacity to filter items means that political email I signed up for will end up where spam accumulates.

My second reason for opposition is that so much mindless garbage is promoted as "politics" these days. Fantasy conspiracy theories, character assassination, and snark have overwhelmed facts and reason. They don't deserve a direct pipeline, avoiding filters folks have made for them. And it would take spammers about 4 minutes to start writing copy like "we have a great offer on extending your car's warranty **that the government doesn't want you to know about!**" Look, it's political, it should go right through!

Spam is already a scourge, reducing the usefulness of email. The FEC should not be reducing citizen's tools to try to manage it.

Sincerely,

Tony Vazquez



**From:** [Kenneth Harvey](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam/misinformation  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:00:29 AM

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Please stop this. Thanks

**From:** [Penny Earle](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail from allowing Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:24:40 PM

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I want the FEC to stop gmail from allowing political spam.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



**From:** [Barbara Smith](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail from allowing political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 5:19:26 PM

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Please stop gmail from allowing political spam because our daily lives are filled with political ads that often are misleading at best and outright lies at worst.

We don't need political spam intruding on our private mail from family or friends, worming their way in when we are trying to read scientific or cultural articles, or muddying our finances when we are paying bills.

Please protect us from gmail's allowing political spam.

Thank you,  
Barbara Smith  
Tucson, Arizona

**From:** [Suzi Reynolds](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP Political Spam in Gmail  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 9:25:25 AM

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Please stop allowing political spam to flood our emails. Those of us who conduct personal business online find it impossible to have to find additional time in the workday to trash dozens and dozens of political spam in order to get down to business. Thank You.

Suzi Reynolds

Suzi Reynolds Productions, INC.



*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wing to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." -Plato*

**From:** Polly Peptide  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Advisory Opinion 2022 - 14 Google LLC  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 3:43:37 PM

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Absolutely not. Politicians should not be allowed to increase spam and hysterical hyperbole to anyone especially the vulnerable among us. If Google gets behind taking the money out of politics, let me know.

**From:** -Tricia  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google LLC) - deny the request please  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:04:19 PM

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PLEASE do not allow political related messages (especially those disguised as fundraising "opportunity"! ) to start clogging my already overflowing inbox.

Any unsolicited email of any kind must be called for what it really is: SPAM!  
I have the right to choose what I want or do not want to receive in my inbox - It's as simple as that!

Thank You

**From:** Grey Patterson  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google LLC)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:51:47 PM

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Allowing politicians to bypass spam filters is an offensively bad idea. It only came about because a few spammers/scammers posing as politicians noticed that their spam emails were correctly getting caught in spam filters, and decided to start shouting that it was politically-motivated. In point of fact, that's just a spam filter working correctly. If your campaign ads are getting caught in spam filters a lot more than the other candidate's are, consider the simpler solution: you're bad at writing campaign emails. Nobody's building a spam filter to ban a specific politician, they're building them to identify patterns in the emails that people hit the "move to spam folder" button on.

If politicians want to stop getting caught in spam filters, they should do the same thing every other email marketer has to do: write emails that people actually want to read. Stop trying to end-run around one of the few functional systems we have protecting us from the constant garbage fire that is the internet.

Here's the simple call to action: tell Google their proposed plan is bad and they should cancel it.

**From:** Steve L  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (Google)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:31:23 PM

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Google's request is unbelievably offensive - spam is a scourge on society and the worst offenders are our politicians, begging for money. The same e-mail address I use to get letters from my mom and other loved ones gets bombarded with spam when idiots mistype my address or (worse) when spammers find my e-mail address.

Why on earth should Google get an exemption from the law to provide in-kind contributions to politicians and groups it has selected. It is bad enough that Youtube and other platforms censor individuals, now we will have Google deciding which politicians and groups can contact people, and they are doing it through spam.

There is literally no way this proposal could have been worse except if it were submitted written in the ink of baby blood.

**From:** Wayne Urton  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 (please stop Gmail's political spam proposal)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:13:00 PM

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I am sick of all of this spam. I get way too many unsolicited emails already. This proposal will make email unusable. Who has time to keep up with several hundred political emails a day? I don't.

Unsolicited emails are spam by definition. It is no different than unsolicited phone calls. Maybe you could start a No-email-spam service like phones.

Thanks for your consideration.

C. Wayne Urton

**From:** Katherine Kaemmerer  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 comment NO to Google spam bypass of Political Fundraisers  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:44:40 PM

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I am NOT in support of receiving further political emails bypassing my SPAM asking for contributions since the harassment of the 2016 election fundraising emails and political texts. Spam on social media is already ramping up and stressful. We pay taxes already as is to all of these candidates in positions asking for 'support', and it is extremely unethical to loophole political funding emails by quickly pushing through this request during ongoing investigations into misleading fundraising by candidates and pre-existing candidates who are already paid by citizens. I agree and stand with the majority of the public who DO NOT want more political fund harassment:

[ Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (“CREW”) respectfully requests the Federal Election Commission (“FEC” or “Commission”) deny Advisory Opinion Request 2022-14 (the “AO Request”) by Google LLC to permit spam on its platform by federally registered political committees.]

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Katherine



**From:** Hayden Muhl  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 Google LLC  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:04:57 AM

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Absolutely not.

Political emails should not be allowed special treatment to bypass filters. They should be subject to all the same rules as any other email.

I define spam as unsolicited, unwanted email. Most, if not all, political email falls under that description. I mark political emails as spam, because I don't want them. I'd prefer to not receive them at all, but if I do receive them, I want them tucked away in the spam folder where I never have to see them. Google should respect my preferences, and should not be allowed permission to make an exception.

- Hayden Muhl

**From:** Ross Olson  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:33:04 PM

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Request you deny Google's request to do a pilot program where campaign ads go to peoples inboxes and not through their spam filters.

Do not create a “safe harbor”, as the next auto warranty spam and voice mails will be from an “auto warranty PAC”.

-Ross Olson  
Portland, OR  
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...Ross...

**From:** Mr. Noisy  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:20:09 AM

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As a Gmail user, I implore the FEC to deny Google's request to relax the rules used for filtering political solicitations.

Allowing these mass messaging campaigns to bypass the rules applied to other spam messages will just provide another potential vector for phishing to be exploited by email scammers and actively degrades the quality of service to users of the most-used email service in the country, all in the pursuit of enriching what is by far the most useless group of individuals in our nation's history - the lackwit know-nothings that engage in gridlock in place of legislation and action.

Deny these worthless pustules the ability to financially prey upon the American people, particularly in this time of rampant inflation and economic hardship that is the direct result of our political class's inability to accomplish anything of tangible benefit to the people they claim to represent.

**From:** Tip Top  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Auto Warranty Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:12:56 PM

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Why isn't the FCC doing anything about the SPAM phone calls we're being inundated with about bogus auto warranties?

Let me know,

Chris Byer

**From:** Anne Koettel  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:52:01 AM

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed change to Gmail's filtering of political emails. If the volume of unsolicited political emails even approaches the volume of unsolicited political print mailers, it will be an extreme burden on gmail users to manage their inboxes around the time of an election. When users selected "paperless" options for important communication, they did not expect to have to pick their legitimate messages out from among many unsolicited political messages.

In addition, in this time of hyper-partisan political narratives, campaigns often communicate hyperbolic messages to voters. Allowing them to bombard email boxes of those susceptible to this messaging, especially since emails often include direct links to donate to the campaign, will only weaken the already tenuous hold many Americans feel we have on true democracy.

**From:** Richard Gleaves  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Advisory Opinion Request 2022-14 re Google's Pilot Program to Permit Political Campaign Spam  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:33:21 PM

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FEC,

About 18 months ago, I made a single online donation to a congressional candidate outside my district.

Ever since then I have regretted this decision – my Gmail account is now subjected to regular spam requests for donating to other politicians. As fast as I can set up manual email filters in Gmail to stop these solicitations, new ones keep slipping through with different email addresses.

Please do whatever it takes to discourage or ban Google from facilitating the broadcast of political spam emails. Doing so will save many people precious time.

Best regards,

Richard Gleaves



**From:** Dave Weiler  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Google Advisory Opinion  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:56:24 AM

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Hi,

I'd like to add the following comment to the advisory opinion:

I am opposed to allowing political emails bypass spam filters. As a gmail user, I choose to use a spam filter. I control the filter and regularly check which messages are being blocked. If there is a message I wish to receive, I allow it. This is the kind of active control that prevents information overload. If this control is stripped away, not only will I be less inclined to use the product, but I will also be forced to spend more of my day wading through the dross that is the current trend of political fear-mongering by email. And so will you.

Please do not allow this pilot program to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dave

**From:** Sunrider  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Google's Pilot Program  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:21:03 PM

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My comment is, "Hell No"!

Unsolicited emails (not to mention texts, mail, phone calls, and door-to-door campaigning) from politicians and political organizations should be treated as spam. Nothing makes them unique and deserving of preferential treatment! Let them use radio, TV, podcasts, newspapers, magazines, and the like to reach the public--but leave our Google accounts alone. Google should not be allowed to invade our inboxes with what will essentially be more junk mail with the distinct possibility of another means to spread misinformation!

Don't let political, wealthy, and corporate America bullys influence the FEC's decision on this matter.

Don't be like some other government entities who care little about what's right regarding the interests of the majority of the public.

Finally, two questions.

Why has this been kept a virtual secret from the public? What Google wants to do will impact millions of people. What motive do they have other than to protect themselves from being sued for doing something that is obviously designed to simply make more money using our personal data?

Why does the FEC make it difficult for the public to figure out from its website how to comment? It makes me wonder if the FEC is only making a show of asking for comments, especially when it set a very short deadline.



**From:** Glenn Kazanowski  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Constant Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:47:58 PM

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Please stop gmail from allowing constant to be sent to our accounts. It's annoying and it clogs up my account. They're supposed to be a service not a lobbying entity

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Andrea Barela  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Do Not Allow Google to Deliver Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:33:30 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I highly oppose Google's request to the FEC asking for approval on a program to send political emails to primary inboxes.

Political emails must be susceptible to spam filters and NEVER be allowed a direct line to primary inboxes.

Please keep political spam out of my primary inbox.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Andrea Barela

**From:** Shari Schaefer  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Do not allow Google to rubber stamp political emails.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 11:35:10 PM

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I am a Google mail user. I have the right to decide what is spam or valuable in my inbox. Google does not have the right to make political decisions for me. If Google is allowed to do this, it will be an abrogation of my rights to make any own political choices and is a dangerous precedent in a time when such actions will only inflame more controversy. Please refuse this corporate overreach and allow people to maintain the autonomy they have always had to decide what is valid and what is dross for themselves.

Shari Schaefer  
Dandridge, TN  
Google mail user for over a decade.

**From:** David Magnotti  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Don't let Google allow political spam on Gmail  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:13:58 PM

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We have enough political spam through other mediums already.

-David

**From:** Catherine Sullivan  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Election emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:59:08 PM

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Please DO NOT allow a firehouse of election emails into my inbox. I want my spam filter to sequester them. This is why Google is getting a bad reputation and I am thinking of getting rid of my Gmail.

Catherine B Sullivan

**From:** Dan Tonne  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail and political Emails  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:45:40 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

As US citizens we are already inundated with political ads via US mail and every single commercial slot on television in the months leading up to an election contain at least one or two political ads. I think it is already obnoxious as it is currently and now you want us to deal with more of it? Gmail is not just someone's personal email alone but they are also work emails and I don't need more junk email.

I truly think that political emails should not be mandatory. If an individual wants to receive political emails, they can just sign up on their favorite politicians website.

Thank for your attention to this matter.

Daniel M. Tonne

**From:** Jan fotos  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail and political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:37:05 PM

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I beg you to put a stop to this ludicrous idea. It is bad enough that one list (that you did sign up for) gives your email address to another list, but to deliberately open up my inbox to MAIL I NEVER AGREED TO IN THE FIRST PLACE?

Sounds like a dystopian scheme thought up by Republicans who think that they are disadvantaged because the majority of Americans do not agree with them. In fact, they are basing their argument on a North Carolina State University study the authors of which are claiming Republicans are misrepresenting!

I am harassed enough with political phone calls and spam on my main email; please do not allow political harassment by Gmail as well.

Thank you, Jan

Janet E Fotos  


**From:** Fred Granlund  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail petition  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:42:14 PM


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I am writing to urge the Commission to REJECT Google's proposal to allow political messages to bypass "spam" filters on Gmail.

Since so much of the content of political emails consists of false claims and attempts to frighten the recipient, users would be better served by sending them to the "promotions" inbox with warnings about their likely fraudulent content.

Until we start enforcing our "truth in advertising" laws against political advertisers, less access to the public is better for the country.

Fred Granlund

Gmail address: 





**From:** Doug Landau  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:56:11 PM

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Hi,

Please do not add any more spam to my email.

Of course it would give an advantage to one political party or another. They do not have an equal amount of money so one will have an advantage.

Thanks, Doug

**From:** Mike Lang  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:27:31 AM

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Google should NOT be allowed to s relax spam filtering to allow more political spam into mailboxes. Allowing them to do this for profiting is dangerous and inappropriate.

**From:** Diane Marsalis/Margaret Catches  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:37:14 PM

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Please stop gmail from allowing political spam. There's enough politically-paid propaganda going around already.

**From:** Thomas Johnson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:18:29 PM

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Please spare me any more political emails, opinions I'm not interested in reading and having to delete. My mailbox receives a half dozen of these things a day. Really I'm sick of it. I don't read them, they just fill up my box and I'm tired of it.

Thank you Hampton Johnson

**From:** Edith Ogella  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** g-mail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:30:12 PM

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I am really concerned about the g-mail changes. Many people I know who have that mail are not quite able to understand which political ads are accurate, and which are not. They do not understand that they are being manipulated.

Please do not allow these changes, Sincerely, Edith Ogella

**From:** Michael Carter  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** G-mail's Political Spam Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:57:29 PM

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I cannot believe that the FEC would allow G-mail to pollute my inbox with unwanted political s\*\*t. Spam mailing must be stopped. Those who want it should be able to request it but for the rest of us, it is an invasion of privacy. G-mail should not have the right to do this. Personally, I would end my relationship with G-mail even though I have been pleased with their service for many years or decades. This is serious and personal. DO NOT allow them to dump on us. This is something you can do. Please do it. Thank you.

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Michael

**From:** Amy M  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GMAIL's political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 8:01:08 PM

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7/15/2022

Hello.

I am writing today to lodge a complaint against Google and their use of spam advertising as related to politics. Usually, I read the news on my phone several times a day. As I do this, I am constantly interrupted by political ads from the republican party.

I am also finding emails from republican political sites I have never heard of or subscribed to.

I have also found these types of political ads from the republican party in text messages. I have never solicited for these kinds of ads.

As far as the ads on my phone are concerned, I have installed the duckduckgo app to handle the ads, as well as on my computer browser.

As far as the text messages are concerned, I report spam, but these types of messages keep coming in from different phone numbers.

Just vote no to google. Vote no to allowing any political party to do this

Thank you.

A.M. Merritt



**From:** John Thompson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail's proposal to allow spam political mail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:05:55 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to further polluting the political waters and the crass commercialization of our political system by Gmail's proposal to allow political spam. Google may be a private company with an unfortunate virtual monopoly on internet services, but each of us has an absolute right to determine what we will see and read on the internet, especially in what should be the private forum of our personal email accounts. I do not want my inbox stuffed with unsolicited advertising for candidates and issues I not only oppose, but find evil and destructive of democracy. Do not confuse capitalist motivations with free speech. The first amendment should defend not only the right to free speech, but also the right of individuals to insulate themselves from it.

Respectfully yours,

John Thompson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** David Perry  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmil  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:11:12 PM

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Political spam has no place in society and must be banned.

**From:** Avery Grayson  
**Subject:** Good Day  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:53:08 AM

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Good Day,

My name is Grayson Avery, I am working with Whitman Laboratories UK, I want to share something that would be deemed of interest to you. Reply for more details

Best Regards,  
Grayson Avery  
Research Assistant  
Research and Development Department  
Whitman Laboratories UK

**From:** Kat Johnson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google and Gmail  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 6:52:27 PM

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I am categorically opposed to allowing Google to open the floodgates on political information and solicitations in my email. I am capable of finding my own sources of political information and do not need, nor do I want Google's assistance. If I require additional information, I will contact or sign up for emails from the sources I want and trust.

Thank you,

Kat Johnson

**From:** Emily Jenkins  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google pilot program  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:20:15 PM

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Dear FEC,

I urge you to reject Google's request to essentially allow access to their user inboxes by politicians and political action committee.

Not only do I not wish to receive emails that I didn't sign up for, I believe this could be another dangerous avenue for in atmosphere of corrosive political speech. Does Google plan to verify that each of these emails is truthful prior to sending? I doubt it.

Thank you,

Emily Jenkins

**From:** lamar ovray  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google political email  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:59:30 PM

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Election related political email is and always will be spam. Keep it that way.

Bruce Cole  
Anderson, California

**From:** Trevor Kelton  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:37:48 PM

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Please don't allow Google to let political mail bypass spam filters. I get enough political spam as it is from text messages and phone calls and my email is relatively clean in comparison. Please please please don't let this become another robocall problem.

Trevor

**From:** Karyn Tal  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google request to allow political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:36:11 PM

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Dear FEC,  
There are enough media outlets for political literature and ads. We are harassed daily by them. It is a horrible idea to assault Gmail users this way.  
Karyn Talmadge



**From:** Jski3  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google request to require "opt-in" to prevent unwanted political email spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:20:24 PM

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Please do not allow politicians to bypass Google's Gmail spam filters.  
The allowing of unfiltered "political" emails could introduce security risks, for example from fake political accounts scamming unsuspecting users who trust Google to have filtered out general malicious content.  
With all the malicious >political< content being circulated the FEC should strengthen regulations on political communications, not open citizens up to even more rampant political messaging.

Thank you for your attention.

J.Sikorski

**From:** Sandra Lynn  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google spam protection  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:01:49 PM

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I am horrified and offended by Google's desire to prevent political ads and political spam from being filtered out. I don't want a politician or political party trying to brainwash me. Where does Google get off telling people what we can choose to have sent to us? Is this country a republic or not?

Please stand up to Google and prevent them from deciding what can be filtered out of mail.

Sandra Lynn

**From:** Ann Johnson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google spam re political email  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:43:46 PM

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PLEASE do NOT allow unsolicited political emails to be sent to Gmail users. There is absolutely NO BENEFIT for Gmail users to watch political propaganda; it is an outright ABUSE OF PRIVACY. More importantly, it poses a HUGE SECURITY RISK by opening the door for further foreign influence in our elections. How secure are campaign office computers anyway? This is NOT a good idea and I urge you not to even entertain this notion.

**From:** Andrea C  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 9:11:23 PM

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Please do not allow Google to spam my inbox with political ads. I feel that this would be the definition of government overreach.

**From:** Laura Frizzell  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's proposed Policy on political email  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:05:55 PM

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Google's idea to allow unsolicited political email to bypass spam filtering has to be one of the most ridiculous ideas I heard yet. As it is I often get over 2 dozen emails a day regarding political contributions. Such email is certainly spam, and needs to be treated as such. I don't want to sort it out. Thank you.

**From:** Doug Rhoten  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request to relax spam filters for political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:03:06 PM

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No one wants this except for politicians. We are already bombarded by endless political ads on TV, radio, social media, robocalls, etc. Doing so would likely allow SPAMers to abuse it to be able to send SPAM messages that get more messages to inboxes that contain malware, links to malicious sites and or phishing attempts.

Thank you.

Doug Rhoten

**From:** Chad  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** I am against Gmail allowing Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:16:10 PM

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I am currently a gmail user.

Gmail, along with several other departments at Google, have shown bias toward political, social, and financial positions that are not in the service of the public good. Their flagrant recent manipulation of search results that include black listing (completely removing sites/content from search results) in so many areas such as health, politics, energy, etc., as well as deboosting (sinking content beyond a search users ability to get to it), and finally boosting content that fits or favors Google's very subjective interests all indicate a untrustworthy corporation. Many other privacy issues have shown up in Gmail, and other services that track everything about a user with no transparency and a blanket statement that says if you use our services you give up your right to privacy.

In light of the many questionable actions, as well as low morale quality of those actions suggests that Google will use similar practices to promote and demote political polices and political races that favor Google. The idea that Google is simply a door through switch political spam can get through is not accurate. Google will use its influence and internal manipulation of content and access control over content to continue to polarize politics (make each position more extreme) as well as favor its own not so altruistic interests.

Please do not give more power to Google to manipulate data, people, and how people make decisions—especially politically.

--Chad

**From:** Hadiya Maha  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Is this email valid?  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:25:49 AM

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Hi,

My name is Hadiya Maha from Canada Presently working in Dubai United Arab Emirate,I would like to have personal talk with you, I do promise to be a very good friend and partner,

Thnanks



**From:** Carl Olson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Just Say No!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:33:40 PM

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We won't benefit from "political spam" on Google. Just say no!

Sincerely,

Carl Olson

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Best,  
Carl

**From:** Jan Shimp  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Lies / spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:07:48 PM

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You will not get far with your lies in life because when you die, you will know you did wrong .... Your bodies will hurt, your minds aren't right, smart, and you don't know your own name sometimes, much less care about your families .... Truth, justice is the American way and goodness will win

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Pat Tudor  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:09:26 PM

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Every other email I receive is political in nature, it doesn't matter which side it is, I get enough spam mail already and I'm tired of sending all those emails to spam or trash, I want them stopped.

**From:** Ann Gilson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:31:38 PM

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Please stop allowing political spam!

Ann Gilson


**From:** Hector Torres  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:34:48 PM

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Yo deseo que paren los emails políticos no solicitados porque los pobres, como yo, no tenemos celulares con bastante memoria para gastar la misma en emails innecesarios y propagandistas.

**From:** Nancy Salzman  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:14:12 PM

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STOP spam e-mails!!!! Thank you. 

**From:** Dennis Carlson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:45:38 PM

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As a Gmail user I am livid you would EVEN consider allowing political spam . IT SHOULD BE OUTLAWED  
!!!!!! Get this garbage out of my life , forever !!!!!!!

**From:** Linda Voci  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 4:15:50 AM

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Greetings!

Please stop Google Gmail from sending political spam emails.



**From:** Mary Edwards  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:56:52 PM

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Please stop gmail from allowing political spam. I truly appreciate the informative e-mails from groups I have signed up for--but the total number of those per day is now about 150! E-mail is a wondrous help to us all in this day and age--but there are limits!! I don't want to pay more and more for non-factual information about the important topics of the news and of our political state. I also do not have time to sift through my mail--which until now has been a very helpful tool for me to be better informed about IMPORTANT political topics. Thank you.

Mary Edwards

**From:** schoemer2@frontier.com  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** NEW SPAM ALERT...  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:39:14 PM

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DON'T YOU DO IT... ANY SPAM IS BADNEWS....THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED SPAM..

POLITICAL SPAM... #1,, LIKE ALL IS UNWANTED, AND INSTRUSION, IT IRKS...

NOW, YOU ADD TO THAT THE INCIDIARY NATURE OF RECENT POLITICS...AND YOU WANT TO FORCE THAT ON YOUR CUSTOMERS????? MOST OF US DO EVERYTHING TO GET AWAY FROM IT.

WHO WANTS TO GIVE YOU PILES OF MONEY TO DO THIS?

HOW DOES THIS HELP OUR COUNTRY, OR WE, YOUR CUSTOMERS/??

KEEP US FREE FROM ALL SPAM YOU CAN....AND DO NO LET THIS CRAP ON TO MY COMPUTER.

AND WE HAVE MANY OTHER SEARCH ENGINE CHOICES.... WE DON'T NEED YOU..

DO YOU NEED US?

RJ SCHOEMER, CAMBRIDGE WI

**From:** Charles Plucker  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No bypassing spam filters ever!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:27:40 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in to request that google not be made to make political emails pass through spam filters. I already get shitty text messages I can't unsubscribe from. I want to maintain my ability to choose political emails as being spam and not be disturbed by them.

Thanks,

Charles Plucker

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Vikki Hallen  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No more political-ness!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:53:51 PM

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Please! I'm overwhelmed by random emails for political donations and supposedly true info on everything! I don't need any more stuff clogging my inbox that I have to manually go through and delete. This stuff isn't just one party or another sending and I want none so please stop the goofy idea of allowing more crap through! I actually think that a lot of the stuff now days, of political and so called "news" should be banned Thankyou, Don & Vikki Hallen

**From:** H Branstetter  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No to Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:24:54 AM

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Good day FEC,

I believe that allowing political parties or those running for political office to indiscriminately spam me with email during election cycles is wrong because it opens the door for other nefarious organizations and individuals to spam me, as well.

I already give to those political groups and individuals that I see fit to fund. My private information does not need to be sold to political groups. There are other, public, avenues for fundraising such as billboards, and social media ads. I am on several social media platforms, daily. There are news outlets online that run ads. That would be the perfect public platform to run ads because I am sure to see them.

If any political group or individual spams me on my personal email I will certainly not be voting for them.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Branstetter

**From:** Linda Majdoch  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Google Request to Lift Spam Filters on Political Ads  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:54:54 AM

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NO special treatment for political ads. Spam filters should apply because TOO MANY political ads, especially from super pacs, are nothing but spam!

Vote NO to special treatment of political ads!!

Sincerely, Linda Majdoch

**From:** Meryle Korn  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep gmail from filling my in-box with political mailings!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:04:11 PM

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Political “spam” is an annoying time-waster, even when it’s just the time wasted to delete it without reading. Taking further time to stop or block it is even more annoying. Just stop gmail from sending it in the first place!

Thank you.

Meryle A. Korn  
Bellingham, WA

**From:** Karen Gillison  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please no  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:03:29 PM

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Regarding Google's request to allow unfettered access by political emails direct to primary inbox, I hope you will deny this request.

The only time that people should be receiving emails is when they specifically opt in. Unwanted emails having direct access to primary inbox is a huge drag on productivity and introduces unwanted amounts of noise into what should be a communication system.




**From:** Val Farrelly  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop gmail from allowing political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:51:06 AM

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Please do not allow this truly horrendous idea to be approved. If the last few years have taught us anything, it's that political decisions should not be left in the hands of tech neophytes and biillionaires who have ruined everything that made America and the internet pleasant places to be. Please save us from their greed, their overreach, and their ineptitude to confront the forces of fascism that currently imperil our democracy.

<<https://s3.amazonaws.com/uploads.wisestamp.com/1c09ceb6637a274c1702eec59fc29460/1376616962.png?chaching=none>>  
Val Farrelly

Writer-Producer

 San Mateo, California

**From:** Salmon Valley Rockhounds  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political email  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:27:27 PM

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Dear FEC,  
Are you serious? We don't get enough unsolicited email?  
I have no problem switching to another email service.. You aint the only fish in the sea, and we are not married to you.  
Salmon Valley RockHounds

**From:** Jack Williams  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Emails Should NOT be able to bypass spam filters  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:52:39 PM

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Please do not allow the Google request for political emails to bypass spam filters happen. I do NOT want any emails I have not requested myself. Thank you! - Jack Williams, Athens, TN

**From:** Jeffrey Guild  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political emails  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:10:26 PM

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I am strongly against allowing delivery of political emails that are not subject to spam filters. I strongly urge that such requests be denied.

Jeffrey Guild

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any tyos or misspellings.

**From:** Jon James  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political emails  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:29:23 AM

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I realize I'm pissing up a rope because as we know the Benjamins ALWAYS win, but please don't allow more political gmails to get past filters. Have a great one.

**From:** Bonnie Bushnell  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political gmail SPAM  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:05:49 AM

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I would greatly appreciate it if the political SPAM ended. 99% is just wanting donations & I get the exact same one's two to five times a day EVERY DAY. I receive a total of at least 400 if not more a day & it's more than frustrating!! Thank You, Bonnie B.

**From:** John G. Singer  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Mail  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:35:11 PM

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Please DO NOT allow political spam.

John

John G. Singer



**From:** Jacquelyn Smith  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:52:24 PM

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I request you stop gmail from allowing political spam to be sent. This is ( the spam) not needed and this spam should stop now.

Thank you for acting on this problem now.

Jackie Smith

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Ralphy The tiger  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam on gmail  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 3:08:46 PM

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Allowing gmail to send our political spam is a clear and present danger to our democracy and must be denied. We saw the mess it created in the last national election. Gmail is using the internet, created with 100% public taxpayer money and we need to have a say in how it is used. This gross profiteering at our expense must be reigned in.

**From:** Sheryl Benning  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political spam on gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:11:10 PM

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please stop gmail from spreading political propaganda and spam. Thank you

**From:** Nett Hart  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam proposal from Gmail  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:07:38 PM

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Dear review committee,

As a civic and politically active person I daily receive between 50 and 150 emails, many from candidates I support or their like minded others. Many organizations as well as candidates alert me to specific actions aligning with my commitments. The number and frequency of these emails is a small burden given that these are causes about which I care.

However, if I were to receive spam emails from any political entity that had the funding to assault inboxes at will, truthfully or not, I fear it would be a disincentive to participate in our democratic process. Supporting smaller, grassroots candidates would be much harder to do as the noise level rises. The power of wealthy individuals and corporate donors would drown out the specific and unique representation we need to present the whole of the American people.

We do not need political spam to obscure the process so that a large corporation can make even more money off campaigns.

Sincerely,  
Nett Hart

**From:** Lynda Dawson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:27:21 PM

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Please do something to stop my g mail account from being full of political e mails from politicians all over the country.

Thank you

**From:** Joanne Gates  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:12:48 PM

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I am getting hundreds of political emails already. Clogs my inbox. Spam would be far too much to deal with.

**From:** shelly harris  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:33:41 PM

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Allowing political spam will negatively affect my use of gmail. When I receive political emails, I usually delete them because they overwhelm my account. I fear I may inadvertently delete important emails when deleting down the list of political spam. Sometimes a subject line catches my attention, but rarely.

My alternative would be to switch providers or to stop contributing to political campaigns or to change my email address, so I don't overlook important personal emails.

I urge you not to allow political spam.

Thank you

Shelley Wolf Harris

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Shelley Harris Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** Dolores roberts  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 5:00:00 AM

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i get from 30 to 50 e mails each day, from people in states i have never even seen. this is unacceptable. please stop it/

**From:** Herb Ham  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:49:22 PM

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I wish to express my extreme concern regarding Gmail allowing access of political to their accounts. I view this as nothing short of allowing elections to be purchased and/or unduly influenced by by money PAC funds. Please disallow this scheme.



**From:** John Cooke  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 1:45:08 PM

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Please do not allow Google to permit political spam, now, or ever. Our mailboxes are overflowing with spam now. Adding this extra burden will be an abomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

**From:** Sharon Baker  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:54:32 PM

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All political spam from either right or left is wrong! It is unacceptable! It is past time for our elections to be open and honest and not be misleading. Thanks for helping to stop political spam!

Sharon Baker  
Goshen IN

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Open your hand to what grace lays into your surrendered palm today. It's not meant to harm you, hurt you, harden you - it's meant to draw you into Him. You can't grow hard when you're pressed up against His heart. You can't grow hateful when you're laying what's painful in His hands. You can't grow jaded when your greatest treasure is Jesus. So open your hand today - take His. Ann Vos Kamp

**From:** Ellen Woodruff  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** political Scam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:12:49 PM

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Please get rid of political Scam! It is not worthy of print.

**From:** Cristopher Thomas  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 9:12:02 PM

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Under NO circumstances should political emails be able to bypass spam filtering. Email traffic that behaves like spam is spam. Email senders that behave like spammers are spammers. Spam filtering is put in place to protect users from bad actors. If political entities do not want their emails flagged by spam filters, it is on them to change their behavior and the quality of their emails.

— Cristopher Thomas

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Stan S  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Response to AO 2022-14 Google  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 7:19:49 AM

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This is a simple NO.

Spam is spam regardless of the legitimacy of the sender. If I have not registered my email address with a political entity, then I have no desire to receive anything from them. Unsolicited email is a scourge and this proposal opens up a pandoras box of garbage flooding our email accounts. My USPS mailbox is testimony to that.

This proposal needs to be more broadly published with a longer comment period. This affects millions and warrants very serious consideration of the consequences.

**From:** Greta Aul  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 11:12:45 PM

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Please, no political spam. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Tony  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** spam is spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:03:16 PM

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I object to political campaigns gaining the ability to bypass spam filtering.

Tony Turiano

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Tony

**From:** Beth Jane Freeman  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 8:00:04 PM

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They are not only sending out political spam, they are using gmail to work get rich quick schemes and sell dubious product to unsuspecting people. This has got to stop!

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Margaret Mann  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 8:26:43 PM

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Send it to Spam.....I do not want to be slammed by campaign ads.....  
Enough already.....SPAM SPAM SPAM

MM

**From:** Alva Pingel  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam.Political Email  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:03:29 PM

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The FEC must stop Gmail's proposal to allow political email!

**From:** Bonita Jane  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop disinformation!  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:11:26 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop gmail from allowing political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:32:12 PM

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Please consider whether or not the proposal would give an advantage to one political party or another. If you're able to incorporate anything making that case, please do.

Doug Gemmell

**From:** deanwilson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail from allowing political spam.  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:56:12 PM

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We all get far too much spam email. Please do not allow Gmail to add to that.

Regards,  
Dean Wilson

**From:** Joan Crowe  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop gmail from allowing political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:52:13 PM

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The volume of email is overwhelming for me and other people situated like me. It would be good to avoid any email I do not have to get. It takes time and energy--hence carbon tons, for everyone to delete all the email that arrives in their primary in-box, and this is why I want the FEC to stop Gmail from allowing political spam, especially from allowing political spam to bypass the spam and/or trash locations. Thank you.

**From:** karynbarry  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail from political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:43:31 AM

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Stop gmail from political spam!  
Karyn Barry

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop gmail political spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:44:07 PM

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Please act to stop gmail from allowing political spam. It is already hard to manage the good email volume. Political spam will make gmail unworkable!!!

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Craig Carlson  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP GMAIL'S POLITICAL SPAM PROPOSAL & KEEP THEIR PLAN FROM OVERLOADING PEOPLES EMAIL BOXES WITH POLITICAL BS THEY DON'T WANT SENT TO THEIR BOXES!!!!!! CRAIG CARLSON  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:59:40 PM

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**From:** Karen Berger  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Gmail's Political Spam Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 5:30:09 PM

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Please stop Gmail's political spam proposal.

I am a G-mail customer and I don't want political spam mail in my inbox.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Karen Berger

**From:** Don Woods  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Google  
**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2022 9:35:51 PM

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Please do not allow program that would allow campaign ads to bypass spam filters and instead go straight to your inbox. This would be a HUGE SCAM.

Don woods, Citizen Voter

**From:** Jan Jack  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop political spam  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:19:21 PM

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Please stop allowing political spam. Some days I receive so much political spam, it's difficult to get through it just to delete, never mind read and be clear what they're requesting and/or promoting.

Thank you for all you do.

Jan Jack

**From:** Judy Palmer  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop political spam.  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:13:02 PM

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G-mail needs to be stopped from spreading political spam.

Judy

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Kristin Kokal  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Political Spam  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 3:16:39 PM

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It could give unnecessary advantages and it's not needed considering people are already bombarded with political messages on social media, tv, and newspapers.

Thank you,  
Kristin Kokal

**From:** Kathy Cheer  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Stop political spam/ads  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:21:56 PM

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I've deluged with requests for money from every state in the Union. It's enough to donate money to California candidates without those from the East Coast, southern states, southwest etc. That never used to happen before and it's a real pain. Great idea to stop them.

**From:** Fran Terry  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** stop the gmail spam idea  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 12:59:16 AM

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I receive more than 100 spam emails a day - more unsolicited trash of politics or anything else is abhorrent.'

It is so bad I am contemplating throwing the computer in the trash.

I want my political freedom to choose and support the candidates for either party as I choose., without being bombarded by emails.

What if gmail thinking.

Fran Terry



**From:** Sherry M  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** STOP! Gmail's political spam pollution  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:22:29 AM

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I realize America is already headed full steam toward "out & out GREED above all else", HOWEVER, does the people's federal government fully intend to sponsor this polluted atmosphere of "whatever makes a buck is fully endorsed by the United States of American Avarice"?!?! We already have the Supremely United Corporate Court for Kleptocrats (SUCCKS) and the GOP (Groupies of Plutocracy) - why not just swear into office the elitist 10% to destroy our country once and for all? Make it swift! After the sanctioned tyranny of Our Glorious Ruler Extraordinaire (OGRE) DJT, Jr., a quick death will be a mercy at this point.

Sincerely,

Heartbroken American of over 7 decades who knows what dream we're losing, what dream is being slaughtered every day by corporate America.

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It's "glorious, fantastic" Capitalism when it benefits the powerful / wealthy - Welfare and Socialism when the masses get any share. anonymous

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others in order to be seen." Jesus, the Book of Matthew

"And whenever you do pray, do not be like the hypocrites for they love to stand and pray in synagogues and on the street corners." Jesus, Matthew:6

"When Fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross." attributed to Sinclair Lewis

EQUAL RIGHTS for others does not mean fewer rights for you - it's NOT pie!

**From:** Kenneth Loafman  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Unsolicited email is SPAM  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:26:14 AM

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Hi,

I object to allowing any email that I have not requested and approved. Email that has not been opted-in by the user is SPAM and Google has been blocking that quite nicely. Allowing political email through will only anger the already overloaded user and frankly, it could make it harder for Google to retain users.

I know I would set up my own email server under my own SPAM rules if Google started sending me Republican lies and nonsense. It's an option I could actually spin off into a small side business and use to make some extra cash.

Google, do you want to supply clean email service, or shall we have a battle over SPAM? Remember, anything not opt-In is SPAM and we'll fight you on that issue.

...Thanks,  
...Ken

**From:** [John Asencio](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** "AO 2022-14." FEC  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:43:51 AM

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Absolutely NOT, do not let this happen.

**From:** [Tyrone Scott](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:32:44 AM

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Absolutely not!

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

**From:** [Rock Rote](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:29:32 AM

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I object.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Greg and Christine Kleinschmidt](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** "AO 2022-14"  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:16:39 AM

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No, thank you, to political spam bypass.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Jen Kim](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** 2022-14 FEC  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 3:12:33 AM

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Please firmly and unequivocally reject the inclusion of FEC-registered political committees emails in GMAIL accounts. This is a terrible idea.

Jennifer Kim Chen

**From:** [Jennifer Hewitt](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 - No. No. No  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:23:23 AM

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To whom it may concern,

No, just no. Spam is spam, by allowing one type of spam to slip through, seems to open a doorway for all spam to slip in.

If this is for political purposes, then triple no. Those looking for information on relevant party or political issues, have the internet at their fingertips. Those not looking for information should not have got thrown in our faces... or our inboxes.

Please vote no.

Sincerely, your concerned citizen  
Jennifer Hewitt



**From:** [Michael O'Connor](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 comment  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:44:14 AM

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Greetings,

PLEASE PLEASE, do not approve Google's petition to change their spam policy regarding political emails.

Opening a crack in the door for unsolicited political messaging serves no one except Google and unscrupulous politicians.

Thanks,  
Michael O'Connor

**From:** [Timothy Swiontek](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 Google No Spam Political Ads  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:23:50 AM

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If this happens, I'll quit using Google. It is a horrible idea. As it is, I vote against the people making the worst ads. I'll start using throw away email accounts again that just collect this junk. Hello. HOTMAIL and Yahoo mail, I'm baack!

**From:** [Matthew Walker](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 Google's political spam proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:46:00 AM

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Please do not allow Google's proposal to exempt political advertising from email spam filters (AO 2022-14) to become an accepted practice.

**From:** [Jack Burn](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 is total nonsense!  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:04:22 AM

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Unsolicited political email is spam, ***S P A M!***

I don't believe in anyone getting enriched by politics, & this is just another scam to help spammers trick, deceive, & manipulate the gullible public. Let people donate if they want, but don't punish people like me who know (or don't believe) that this is in anyone's best interests who's not making (or wanting to make) a buck (or a \$ million) on electioneering.

This punishes us sane people who aren't going to fall for this nonsense,

Respectfully,  
James Burn  
Prattville, AL 36066  
God Bless

**From:** [Bonnie Carter](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 NO!  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:46:37 AM

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NO!

**From:** [Paul Rinehart](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 opposed  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:30:26 AM

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Dear appointed representatives of a democratically elected government,

Please do not approve this prioritization of political email. Set a dangerous precedent about prioritizing any email, especially that of tendentious and non-regulated, lying political candidates. Second, it strikes me as pandering to the right wing who's complaining about Big Tech's power.

Paul Rinehart  
Kinderhook NY

**From:** [mark bieber](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14 reference  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:57:17 AM

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Horrible idea to allow political ads to bypass spam filters. There is too much of this kind of crap polarizing the nation already.--  
All the Best



*"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please." Mark Twain*

**From:** [Laura McFarland](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:23:13 AM

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I am not in support of Google using their email platform to support anyone in the political arena. Bad idea. I would delete my account if this happened.



**From:** [Susan Ingram](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:45:46 AM

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Just say NO to unsolicited political emails. Send them all to the SPAM folder.

Susan E McMican



Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A71 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Encarnacion Montes de Oca](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:49:02 AM

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This proposal from Google is absolute garbage. Why let them send these types of emails to me to begin with?

If I wanted political emails, I would request them. Not forced upon me by Google.

Do the right thing and keep politics out of personal email.

Leave that choice up to people, not corporations.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:07:00 AM

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Simply stated no - I already get enough unsolicited political phone calls. I don't need email!

John Lusk

**From:** [Todd Rodenberg](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:09:40 AM

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To Whoever Is Watching Over the Public's Interest:

Please do not allow this. We have enough spam and heaven knows way to much of a political divide in this country. All this would do is add to both, more spam and more political division. The way to make the world a better place is clearly less of both!

I appreciate your thoughtful and public-minded consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Rodenberg

[REDACTED]

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This message contains information which may be confidential and privileged. Unless you are the intended addressee (or authorized to receive for the intended addressee), you may not use, copy or disclose to anyone the message or any information contained in the message. We have taken precautions to minimize the risk of transmitting software viruses, but we advise you to carry out your own virus checks on any attachment to this message. We cannot accept liability for any loss or damage caused by software viruses. If you have received the message in error, please advise the sender by reply at [REDACTED] and delete the message.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nevin Leiby](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:12:48 AM

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Hello FEC,

I think that this proposed change is an incredibly poor idea. Email is a primary means of communication for many personal and business communication, meanwhile, it is continually clouded and spammed by a multitude of messages that aren't promotional.

It is an absolute mistake to try to increase the volume of unsolicited mail that has to be sorted through.

Oftentimes, these emails are transmitted at low or no cost to the sender, so I would expect an explosion of these emails to occur. With that, it is not uncommon that these emails are phishing emails which attempt to take down corporate networks and cripple them while demanding ransomware payments. Ransomware and other similar techniques are a continual and ever-growing threat to our personal, business and national security.

This has become such a problem at some institutions, such as within healthcare, that many web-based email sites, such as Gmail, are inaccessible which is a tremendous barrier to communication on a daily basis.

Please reject this proposed legislation.  
Thank you

Dr Nevin Leiby  
Emergency Medicine

**From:** [Lon](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:41:39 AM

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Do not let google do this it's insulting it's wrong it's bad  
I hope you understand how I feel about this.

Best, Lon J

**From:** [Steve Wisniewski](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:56:53 AM

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Regarding the above request by Google to let political political spam through and not be able to be detected by spam detectors, I cannot tell how much I *\*vehemently\** oppose this. I use a Google e-mail address daily. I do not want spam from any political party, be it Democrat, Republican, Independent or otherwise. Do not let this money grab by Google happen.

I am sending this from a non-Google account just in case Google is monitoring their outbound e-mail and would suppress this being sent. My main e-mail address has a gmail.com domain.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Paul McCormick](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:06:03 AM

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Do NOT under any circumstances allow this to happen



**From:** [Alexandra Bradley](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:29:56 AM

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Please do NOT allow political emails to avoid spam filters.

It is bad enough political calls are not subject to the rules of the Do Not Call List, now you're thinkof giving them free rein of citizens emails? The vitriol, outright lies and ridiculous claims of many politicians exceed the worst charlatans, I need less exposure not more.

It would be preferable for Google to send all political emails, except those the receiver has signed up for/whitelisted, to a new folder "political emails." Based on my knowledge of the Republicans complaints, this would ensure everyone is treated equally.

Thank You,  
A. M. Bradley

**From:** [Jason G](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:33:06 AM

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As it relates to AO 2022-14, I am 100% opposed.

Jason Gauthier

**From:** [Corey\\_K](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:42:14 AM

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Please do not grant this request. Thank you.

**From:** [Mark Duval](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:55:51 AM

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Please reject Google's request

Mark Duval  
Virginia

**From:** [Carriane Brogan](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:56:52 AM

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This is in reference to AO 2022-14. I reject the idea of allowing political ad emails to automatically be allowed to fall into my everyday Gmail inbox when they should go directly to my spam folder. I am not saying they need to go directly to my trash. If they go to my spam folder, it is not censorship. It just moves it to a category of solicitation, which is what political ads are... a solicitation for my vote, which I do not want in my regular inbox. Keep political ads in spam.

Best,  
Carriane Brogan Brookins

**From:** [leigh britt](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:06:57 AM

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I almost never watch regular TV because of political ads. If Google does this to my email, I may have to leave a service I very much like for Outlook.

**From:** [Ann Sandor](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:10:34 AM

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Absolutely do not permit Google to exempt political emails in Gmail from spam or report data to political groups.

VA Sandor

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dean Emmerson](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:16:15 AM

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I am writing to ask that you reject the proposal by Google that they pilot a program to exempt email from political groups from the spam detection processes. Unsolicited email from political groups is time consuming and frustrating to read and manage. I am also concerned at the possibility that Google then send analytic information to those senders about my interaction with those messages.

I object to this proposal in its entirety and ask that you reject it.

Dean Emmerson



**From:** [Ken Wiser](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:17:23 AM

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AO 2022-14  
PLEASE DO NOT GRANT THIS!

**From:** [Alessandro Miano](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:22:07 AM

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Please stop google from practicing biased email filtering as it would be a clear conflict of interest between the consumer and the provider

Regards,  
Alex Miano



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**From:** [Michael Griswold](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:22:31 AM

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Hello,

Google's proposed changes to forcing political spam down our throats are unacceptable. The user decides which messages are redirected to spam and keep it that way. Allowing unfettered access to my inbox is wrong and even more so when these emails come from hate groups hiding behind a political curtain.

Mike Griswold



**From:** [Rafael Ibanez](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:23:52 AM

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Please don't do this. I get enough emails from political parties and i don't even live in the US anymore. I always unsubscribe and it doesn't work because i am a registered voter for presidential elections (and still paying taxes) , but not for the state i used to live in (and no longer paying taxes). at least have a paid option to avoid it. i pay for more space, they could at least add on an extra "to not disturb" option

**From:** [anna.pontoni](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:24:50 AM

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Please do not lift the spam filter for political emails. I use my email for business and do not want to spend my day deleting emails that I did not ask for and do not need.

**From:** [Aimee Schenkel](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:26:40 AM

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I unequivocally protest any political email bypassing the spam filters.

I don't care from which party it comes

Regards,

Aimee



**From:** [Tracy](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:27:10 AM

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Political fund raising ads have no place or love in my inbox. Treat them like they are, SPAM.

**From:** [Vicky Wu](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:31:01 AM

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No.

If political campaigns do not want their emails ending up in spam, they need to do what everyone else does and carefully craft their message to make sure that naturally does not happen. This would actually benefit them more since that would mean recipients would get a message that they would be more willing to read and interact with anyway. Otherwise the millions of GMail users do not want to receive the massive quantity of poorly written and designed emails that would land in their inbox when they otherwise should not have.

Vicky Wu Marketing





**From:** [Gabriela Gallentine](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:31:02 AM

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I object to the Google proposal of allowing political SPAM to bypass filters.  
This is a TERRIBLE IDEA.  
DO NOT GRANT THIS.

**From:** [Nic B](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:36:08 AM

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I emphatically oppose allowing unsolicited political or campaign emails to bypass spam filters. Please, have some common courtesy, we deal with enough BS already.

Niccolo Burgi

**From:** [Stephen Girardi](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:40:30 AM

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Regarding the request by Google to loosen spam push through emails from political parties or candidates. ABSOLUTELY NOT!!

Enough of this bullshit. We get too much garbage in our emails. We don't need more crap filling up our inboxes, especially from political Charlatans!

No on AO-2022-14

**From:** [Jay Kloecker](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:41:50 AM

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To whom it may concern,

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. We are bombarded with spam from multiple companies every day. Do not allow this to compound the problem.

Please firmly and unequivocally reject this request -- it is a terrible idea.

John Kloecker

**From:** [Erena Anderson](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:42:23 AM

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I just read about Google 's desire to cave to political pressure and allow spam in our inboxes. I cannot stress how bad an idea this is. No, no, no, no, no.  
I'm already getting spammed by politicians in my SPAM folder 4,6,8 times a day-EACH. They're relentless.  
This is a bad idea. Please don't let Google do this.

Regards,  
Erena Anderson

**From:** [Deborah Metz](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:47:53 AM

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Regarding the proposal allowing political email to bypass Spam: That is a terrible idea. Just say no.

**From:** [Ziggy 66](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:52:44 AM

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Please, Please, Please don't allow Google to change their spam rules to allow political e-mails through. I have enough spam and I don't care what Republican's or Democrat's have to say in their political ads.

Thanks,

Jeremy Z  
FF/Paramedic  
Deerfield - Bannockburn Fire  
Pension Fund President  
MABAS 3 Haz Mat Director of Operations  
Union Secretary Local 4632

Please excuse any typos this was sent from my iPad  
"Respect science, respect nature, respect each other." -Hal Harvey

**From:** [Rachelle Stone](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:53:24 AM

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This email is in regards to the above referenced request a change by Google regarding political emails.

I vehemently object to this change.

Rachelle Stone, PCC, CPQC  
Sent from iPhone





**From:** [Dale K](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:03:02 AM

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The fact that Google has requested permission to allow political advertisements through their SPAM filter, is an admission that those emails are Infact "Spam". Why would you even consider allowing Google to violate a federal regulation?

If you allow Google to let this garbage through their Spam filter, then to avoid discriminatory practices, you would need to allow all e\*mail exchanges the same permission. This would completely negate and contradict all intentions of the regulation. JUST SAY NO!!

**From:** [David](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:03:40 AM

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Absolutely 'NO' regarding allowing politicians to bypass my spam filter. Last thing I need is either party's drivel and rhetoric. Already hard enough tuning them out everywhere else.

**From:** [Ray Anderson](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:05:51 AM

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Google's request: AO 2022-14

I OPPOSE this request to allow unsolicited political requests not to go to GMAIL SPAM

Ray Anderson

**From:** [Scott Grissom](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:07:59 AM

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I am unequivocally opposed to allowing political email through the gmail spam filter. Please do not allow this proposal to pass.

Sincerely,  
Scott Grissom

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Andrew Smith](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:10:45 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Good morning. I just read an article published by Inc. that describes a proposal by Google to allow political emails to avoid spam detection.

The proposal is apparently referenced by request AO 2022-14.

I am writing to voice my **strong opposition** to this proposal. The last thing anyone needs is to have their inbox flooded with political spam garbage. Please block this "pilot program" from happening.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Smith

**From:** [Jennifer Mason](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:13:21 AM

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AO 2022-14

Google spam filter work around for politicians is beyond not fair. I already have a congressman who calls my phone weekly to invite me to town halls that I can't get rid of. I have never ending snail mail asking me for money, but almost all the political emails go to spam so I don't have to hear from them. PLEASE DONT DO THIS!! It's a terrible idea.

Jenn Mason

**From:** [Brendan McTague](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:15:08 AM

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Please reject this proposal. Spam is a scourge on my daily existence and even after unsubscribing from thousands of emails, I still get them.

Political emails aren't a public good. Please say NO to this proposal.

Brendan McTague

**From:** [Daniel Fillion](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:15:19 AM

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I strongly oppose the effort to exempt political emails from undergoing a spam filter in gmail or any other electronic mail provider.

Very respectfully,

Daniel Fillion



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Captain Daniel E. Fillion, U.S. Navy



**From:** [Andrew Thompson](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:17:57 AM

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This proposal is an awful idea and harmful to consumers. There are spam filters for a reason and it is too catch emails like these: unsolicited, mass emails requesting money. It is less onerous for people to check their spam folders for emails than it is for people to continuous report spam emails on every unwanted political ad that is allowed through. Please do not approve of or allow google to do this.

Andrew Thompson

**From:** [Pamela Dressell](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:20:39 AM

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Do not approve Google request AO 2022-14

Pamela Dressell

**From:** [Jay Urbanczyk](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:21:10 AM

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Please DO NOT ALLOW this action by google. Spam is out of control as it is. This would only increase this amount by ten times or more. I am smart enough to make up my own mind without the candidates making my life way more miserable than it already is.

**From:** [Dan Myers](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:32:57 AM

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I do not want any unsolicited political email! I have already a huge problem with unsolicited political phone calls. Do NOT allow another avenue for politics to spam me. Do not allow google to let political emails bypass spam detection!

**From:** [J Fahey](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:33:22 AM

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Please no spam. No extra political emails. If the GOP is concerned that more Dems open emails and donate to Dems it's not because of google algorithms. It's because more Dems are literate informed voters who want to be on the right side of history and are tired of the GOP extremist ideology in our country.

Thank you for not giving google users over to the Republican cry babies.

Gmail user,

JS Fahey

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Jenn

**From:** [Greg Steiger](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:37:23 AM

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Please do not approve this.

**From:** [Jeffrey Hurwitz](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:37:39 AM

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We all know money speaks and I'm sure the Republican machine has funded Google with a lot. Political emails should fall under the same rubric as all other junk mail. They should not get special favors no matter how much money they provide a Google. Please don't let any changes happen.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Hurwitz

**From:** [chris greiser](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:37:54 AM

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I'm writing to strongly request that you reject Google's proposal to exempt political emails from their spam filters. Emails from spam filters amounts to unpaid political donations to political candidates on a per-email basis. As considered, there is no provision to ensure equal representation of all candidates and there are no protections for recipients as to quantity, quality, or truthfulness of the content. Further, without provisions to opt in to filtering if a comprehensive way, the proposal creates overhead for users that is not welcome.

If you do approve, this opens the door to reduced filtering for all email providers and can lead to loss of overall utility for email (for example, I already don't answer any calls because of spam and I largely ignore my paper mail during election periods).

Thanks in advance for rejecting the proposal.

Chris Greiser



**From:** [Doug Joubert](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:39:07 AM

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RE: Google reference #"AO 2022-14

Please do not pass this spam bypass exception.

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

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Dj

**From:** [Luis Arteaga](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:39:14 AM

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Please do not permit more political spam ads in our inbox mail. We got enough of it even with filters and other measures.

If gmail will go ahead with the idea to please politicals millionaires, i will delete gmail from my phone and change from email provider.

**From:** [kjheidel](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:39:25 AM

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Please do NOT approve this request.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [HP D](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:41:32 AM

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Please, Do NOT approve this request. We get enough Spam mail already

TY

**From:** [Sam Ortiz](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:41:53 AM

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As a long time gmail user, I sincerely and passionately request that Google not be permitted to exempt political messages from its spam filters. If I wish to receive them, I will happily unmark them myself as spam.

Sam Ortiz

**From:** [Joanne Dorman](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:42:06 AM

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Please stop with the spam already!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [duncang55](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:48:07 AM

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Political emails are unwanted spam in the first place, are basically a mechanism to dupe people into sending money to grifters (looking at you GOP), and can readily be subscribed to (opt-in, if you will) if one is stupid enough to believe your money will be used to help you (or anyone else).

Under no circumstances allow Google to let this spam through.

Duncan Gardner

Milton, FL

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:50:00 AM

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Regarding the above proposal number from Google. This is a terrible idea. I would not ever want my physical mailbox blown up with mail from political candidates and the same goes for my email. The current political landscape is too full of hate to want to see a flood of emails I'd have to see. As the emails in question would be actively spammed put in large batches, fitting the very description of spam with unsolicited emails, I implore you to deny this request.

Its unfortunate that Google doesn't realize this, but this type of change to their product could result in a mass exodus from their product for a more stable non invasive email service.

Thank You,

Jamie D. Eddy

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** [Casey Dougall](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:51:32 AM

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Please do not allow this plan to be approved. I'm a long time GMail user and do not approve the idea that some email can be treated differently than others.

I also work for a company and personally support systems that sends out millions of emails every day.

To say that emails from politicians should not go through the same SPAM rule sets of emails i'm personally responsible for ensuring delivery for is a slap in the face for the work I do in my field.

Please deny this request.

Thank you.

Casey Dougall

**From:** [Jerona Rykunyk](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:52:50 AM

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This is a terrible proposal. Do not approve

**From:** [Jackie Amigone](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:52:58 AM

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To the FEC,

I vehemently and emphatically oppose allowing political emails to bypass Google's SPAM filters. Do not allow this this action.

With respect.

**From:** [Alexander Ho](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:53:40 AM

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Good morning FEC representative:

I am registering my opinion to object to Google's pilot program for their Gmail service to "test new features in email product to authorized candidate committees, political party committees, and leadership political action committees."

Sincerely,  
Alexander Ho

**From:** [Bill Gelgota](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:59:01 AM

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Dear FEC: Do NOT allow Google to exempt political emails from SPAM filters. As noted by others, "Allowing [G]oogle to prioritize political emails ... would basically mean that Google was providing a large political donation to every politician sending emails to Gmail addresses."

Sincerely,  
William A Gelgota



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robert M](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:59:19 AM

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This is a terrible proposal. Do not allow google to exempt political ads from spam filters. If I choose to contribute to a political party or candidate I will without my inbox being flooded with unwanted fundraising SPAM!

**From:** [John Joseph](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:02:30 AM

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Please, PLEASE ***reject*** Google's insane request to exclude political emails from its Spam filter.

Most of the 50+ political emails I received daily are fundraising emails from politicians I've never even heard of and would never support. In fact most of them I can't even vote for because they're not in my district or state.

Please help retain a bit of sanity to email.

John Joseph  
San Antonio, Texas

**From:** [Kevin Kelly](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:02:43 AM

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Regarding AO 2022-14, please NO !!!!

I get enough garbage / spam now and political garbage would only add to the heap / be much worse.

No, no, no !

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone  
Kevin Kelly



**From:** [Blanchette, Kyle](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:03:40 AM

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The members of the FEC consoderong AO 2022-14,

Please do not approve the request for Google to bypass spam filters for political messages. I appreciate the need of political organizations and campaigns to have equal access to the public's attention. However, I do not believe that the proposal will accomplish this goal or the intended one of leveling the perceived playing field.

I interpret the information that spurred this proposal differently. If your political messages are ending up in more people's spam folders than perhaps you are sending that messaging to too many people who have not sogned up to receieve it. Plain and simple. The issue is more likely that the campaigns and organizations in question are payong for leads and, is always the case when cold calling, experiencing a lot of rejection.

Bypassing people's spam filters is an invasion of privacy and should not be permitted under any circumstances, barring an imminent threat or emergency where material harm is possible. If Google wants to remedy the situation, then it shoukd conduct a stringent audit of its spam filter and all relevant systems instead of passijg the buck and making its users pay for its lack of diligence.

Thank you,

Kyle Blanchette (he/him/his)  
Development Associate - Academic Initiatives  
The Arts, Entrepreneurship, and the Humanities

[REDACTED]

Onsite: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Rose Pace](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:03:56 AM

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No, no no. Please do not approve the change to Gmail regarding spam. Hours of non-productive time every day are wasted on useless, unrequested spam emails in other email programs.

Rose Pace



**From:** [Ricci Greenwood](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:05:55 AM

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If this is an attempt to have anything come to my email without spam folder catching the information first it's a bad idea. If I want some entity to communicate with me "I " will give them my email address.

The unsubscribe button is helpful. Don't add more "Junk".

Ricci

**From:** [Alan Pine](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:07:08 AM

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PLEASE do not allow any political emails to be immune from spam

**From:** [Gregg Garcia](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:07:16 AM

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No. Absolutely not. Keep all of that junk going to Spam.  
Gregg Garcia

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [M.mar301](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:13:53 AM

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Removing the auto-spam label from political messages — especially ones that have already been labeled spam by the recipient is cruel and unusual punishment. It reduces effectiveness of e-mail as a communication and work tool, and can lead to missed important messages.

Any politician who claims somehow Gmail is curbing more emails from one party than another is working from misleading data and “alternative facts.” As in distorting the truth.

Email is a virtually free form of communications for political parties, and unleashing this mess could literally inundate recipients emails with hundreds or thousands of messages per day. Believe this.

I’ve hit “unsubscribe” from certain email lists 25 times, and have documentation to prove it. And those emails continue at twice the rate as before, and now hit multiple email accounts.

Mark

**From:** [Catherine Mahoney](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:15:13 AM

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Please DO NOT exempt unsolicited political email from spam.  
I'll miss you, but if I have to designate each individually, I'll probably just opt for the easier option of not using Gmail at all.

**From:** [Margo go go go Go](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:16:46 AM

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My opinion is that I do NOT want political emails in my inbox. If Google changed their policy and I start getting them- I'm done with Google. I would be happy to never hear from our about another politician in my life. The more I distance myself from government the happier I find myself. You didn't ask this but while we're on the subject: Politicians are self centered greedy hypocritical liars who live in a fantasy world. Stay far away from me. Thank you. Margo

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)



**From:** [Betsy Rack](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:16:53 AM

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Please do not allow Google to send political emails that bypass the spam filters per "AO 2022-14." This is a terrible idea and will be a violation of users' privacy and the sanctity of our inboxes, which is already strained.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Rack  
Durham, NC

**From:** [Rozi Daie](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:17:02 AM

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NO. NO. NO.  
Please do not pass this.  
Thank you!

**From:** [Ken Sari](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:17:26 AM


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Please don't allow this. Censorship belongs to the individual, not to outside groups of any kind.

**From:** [Stephanie Wilds](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:21:35 AM

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Loyal Google user here..... please do not approve! My inbox is not a political fundraising tool!

Stephanie Wilds  


"Be afraid; do it anyway" - Jason Isbel

**From:** [Jess Barnes](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:24:05 AM

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Please do not allow unsolicited political mail through the spam filters.  
Please.

Jess Barnes

**From:** [Theresa Hadden-Martinez](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:28:16 AM

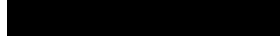
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I am the only one to evaluate what I want to be classified as spam. Political ads are spam for the following reasons

1. The email was unsolicited from someone I do not know
2. The email attempts to get me to send them money
3. The email frequently contains tracking technology to see if I read it.

Please do NOT approve this plan to prioritize political emails and put them in my inbox and not my spam folder.

*Theresa Hadden-Martinez*



**From:** [Mary Anne Cupp](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:29:31 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I it a disastrous idea to all allow political messages to bypass spam folders in gmail!!! Please say NO.

Concerned citizen,  
Mary Anne Cupp

**From:** [Brian Troutt](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:31:01 AM

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If you'd like to register my opinion AGAINST allowing political emails to bypass spam status. As an IT professional in the data protection industry, anything that lowers the thresholds for filtering legitimate emails inevitably increases the amount of copycat emails that will get through that are not legitimate or just downright malicious. Instead of forcing billions of Gmail users to opt-out of every single email suddenly allowed to bypass the spam filters, I believe it should remain the responsibility of the political groups to have their followers opt-in...like any other non-political group in the country.

Sincerely,

Wm Brian Troutt





**From:** [Peter Perez](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:33:27 AM

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The definition of spam email is:

"Email spam, also referred to as junk email or simply spam, is unsolicited messages sent in bulk by email."

Political email ads are spam. Just because it comes from a political hopeful doesn't make it any less unsolicited bulk email.

This is simple. Don't drown us in spam.

**From:** [Jeff Gates](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:35:53 AM

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Regarding AO 2022-14, I am against Google's suggestion to send political emails directly into our inbox. This then becomes a political contribution to the sender of that email.

Jeff Gates

**From:** [Gail Bromer](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:37:52 AM

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Please do not allow this to go forward. Allowing political spam to bi-pass the spam filter and head straight into my inbox is putting money directly into the pockets of these politicians who would at least otherwise have had to pay to reach google users. I do NOT want to receive anymore emails from Politicians. I already receive far too many unsolicited requests for donations.  
Gail Bromer  
Black Mountain NC

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:38:43 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD YOU GRANT THIS REQUEST TO Google. PLEASE DENY THIS REQUEST.

Thank you,

Rick Couture

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Woody Stone](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:40:08 AM

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Please do not great Google's request to have political adds bypass Spam email filters! If political parties wish to inundate us with negative adds (as almost all current adds are!), make them pay for snail mail!

Elwood Stone  
Sandia Park, NM

**From:** [Ari Afek](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:40:54 AM

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We should be looking for ways to bridge the political divide that has brought our congress to a stand still and created an "us vs. Them" rift in the fabric of our society. Approving this would only line politicians pockets and therefore fund more ads that fuel the divide. Please protect our Great Nation.

**From:** [Supreet singh Manchanda](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:42:25 AM

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Please do not approve this.  
Thank you

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**SUPREET MANCHANDA**

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Bonnie C](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:43:42 AM

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NO!



**From:** [Jim McLaughlin](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:44:04 AM

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Do not grant Google's request. I want less spam NOT more! In fact, I want the ability to have MORE control over my data and my privacy!!! I want to be able to limit the right of Google and others to track my digital footprint and my data!!!

**From:** [Toni Greene](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:45:33 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I do not support the change to allow unsolicited political emails to not be automatically flagged as spam by should not be allowed under any circumstance.

The sheer amount of misinformation, purposeful lies, and conspiracy theories started and/or propagated by politicians should not be allow to be so easily disseminated via email.

This change would be Google allowing 'spam' and political money scams to appear in anyone's inbox and has huge implications. The game becomes who can get the most emails out to billions of people while putting the onus on billions of people to individually block the spam.

Do what today's politicians are NOT doing and listen to the majority of the respondents regarding this change.

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

Kind Regards,

Toni Greene

**From:** [Ann Wilbur](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:53:55 AM

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Regarding Google request AO 2022-14

Google should be protecting the public, not political parties. And what proof is there that only Republican political emails are treated as spam under the present system? Is that true? Perhaps the titles and words used in Republican ads ping the spam software?

Please protect us from the deluge of political ads! Please do not accept this proposal. Please DENY this proposal!!

**From:** [Dale DeVoe](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:55:07 AM

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Dear sirs,

The amount of data collected for free by Google already, is terribly invasive. I highly value what little privacy I have and absolutely DO NOT want any POLITICAL EMAILS ALLOWED. I get tons of spoof and phishing attempt that are not caught as spam. Allowing Political ads will only make it worse. I have been a Gmail user for over a decade. I would hate to incur another fee and change my address on hundreds of sites just to prevent getting political ads and more fraudulent emails.

**From:** [Dale Gibbins](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:55:34 AM

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Absolutely not. This is a terrible idea. Do not allow Google to do this.

This is just more corporate/political overreach.

Dale Gibbins

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:56:37 AM

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I'm completely against this request. DO NOT allow!!!

**From:** [Bryan Parkinson](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:57:31 AM

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Dear Sir,

Having recently read about a proposed change to GMail I felt it necessary to voice my opinion.

Unless Google are going to have an opt out clause for political emails there is no way that this should be allowed.

There is still, already, a surprising amount of emails that "sneak through under the radar".

Anyone who wants to access political propaganda can join a party and sign up for it.

Don't let Google decide what is "good" for us.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Parkinson

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:58:03 AM

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No. No. No. No. No.

The definition of spam is undesired / unwanted / unrequested / non value added email, which is exactly what these politically focused emails are.

I do not want to spend MY time deleting spam email so that extremely wealthy corporations can acquire more wealth. I have other, more productive, uses for my limited time.

If Republican political email is being filtered more than Democratic, bring forth the proof, rather than the usual <and often baseless> assertions. If valid, have Google correct the algorithm appropriately.

Again. No. No. No. No.

Thanks for your attention.

Brad Scarlett  
Buford, GA

Sent from my OnePlus 8T 5G



**From:** [Aimee Morgan \(Wright\)](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:43:38 AM

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This request by Google should be denied!

**From:** [Mark Aubuchon](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:36:43 AM

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

Thanks,  
Mark Aubuchon

**From:** [Richard Dollison](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:54:05 AM

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I am asking that the FEC reject Google's request to allow political messages to be unmarked as spam. AO 2022-14.

**From:** [Ron Reiswig](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:06:45 AM

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Please do not let gmail send political spam directly to our inboxes. Don't care what political party is sending them. Just say no!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Norhi Folsom](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:32:52 AM

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Regarding political emails not being subject or spam detection and goi g directly to inbox, ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE. Please, DO NOT GRANT THIS REQUEST.

Thank you,

Norhi Folsom

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Norhi Folsom

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**From:** [Gregory Hathaway](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:54:18 AM

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I've recently been informed about the possibility of my email being "bombarde" with political advertising!... I see enough "SPAM" as it is and strongly object to this.

RespectfulRespectfully

Gregory Hathaway

**From:** [Rick Raugewitz](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:27:31 AM

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To the group.

Regarding AO 2022-14. I am unequivocally opposed to allowing political adds to bypass the spam filters.

If people want to sign up on email lists for their candidates; that's fine  
However, unsolicited emails from any group or company is spam.

Rick Raugewitz

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Rick Raugewitz PT  
Inspired Body Therapy

**From:** [Idan Benaim](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 3:11:50 AM

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Unsolicited email is spam, regardless of the source. No email should be treated differently just because the sender is registered as a political committee.

While some people have options besides Gmail for receiving email, others do not. As well, granting this request likely would start a trend that leads to political committees and individual politicians to demand such special treatment be required of all email providers.



**From:** [Grisela Torregrosa](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14." Please do do not change how political emails are filtered to spam. I do not want that crap.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:27:53 AM

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**From:** [lmbutler09](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 3:59:56 AM

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I want to express my opinion please,  
No,no,no.  
Please do not allow Google to send these emails  
Thank you,  
Lisa Butler

**From:** [Steve Adkins](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** ao 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:32:52 AM

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DO NOT GRANT.....

**From:** [Samantha Aldana](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO-2022 -14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:59:14 AM

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No. I don't want to see any more political ads. They make me sick to my stomach. Politicians do nothing to serve the public and I hate being reminded of that every time I want to watch a video.

**From:** [Peter Grul](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO2022-14 (google request to allow political spam)  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:34:05 AM

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Hello,

Spam is spam, and should be filtered as vigorously as possible regardless of its source.

Please reject Google's "15-page letter to the Federal Election Commission asking for an advisory opinion on a plan to start exempting some political emails in Gmail from spam."\*

Thank you for your consideration.

regards,  
-Peter Grul

\*<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>

**From:** [Kelly McEuen](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO-2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:27:58 AM

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Unsolicited email topics from senders whom I am not interested are spam. That includes political parties, candidates and elected officials. Approving Google's request to circumvent traditional handling of spam communication simply erodes my freedom of choice. Please deny Google's request  
Kelly McEuen

**From:** [Suzette Turner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:27:21 AM

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Strongly object to proposal

**From:** [Paul Gallner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO-2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:29:41 AM

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I am opposed to the requested change to the way spam Email is routed on Gmail.com

Thank you



**From:** [Sharon Soliday](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AO20221-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:57:12 AM

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Please! Do NOT let Google allow political ads to bypass Spam filters.

If i want to get it, i will have signed up so it wouldn't be spam.

Please don't let Google do this.

Sharon Rolin  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Rachel Arnott](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** AOR 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:03:54 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to respectfully request the FEC deny AOR 2022-14. Political requests for donations are no different than solicitations from any public or private company or non-profit organization. I do not want these filling up my inbox. It has become clear my data was sold and I get hundreds of these emails (and text messages) weekly.

Google is essentially proposing selling more of my data by allowing political non-profits to access "inboxing data" to know if their emails are sent to spam. Users can only "opt out" of receiving emails from that sender. I believe users should be empowered to fully opt in or out of this pilot program, or future full scale program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rachel Arnott  
San Francisco Resident

**From:** [Ron Z](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment in AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:33:24 AM

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No. I do not want MY email address to be used by people I did not give permission to use it. Political emails are junk mail and should continue to be filtered out so I don't have to sort the detritus.

Ron

**From:** [Brian Bledsoe](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on proposal: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:08:10 AM

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Regarding Google's proposal case file AO 2022-14, I strongly and un-categorically support REJECTION of this proposal.

There is no interest among the US public being pestered, inconvenienced and harassed by the Political email handling suggested by Google.

Again this is unsupported and request that this proposal be absolutely DENIED.

Thank you.

**From:** [Adam Bellinger](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Do not allow AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:51:54 AM

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Do not allow this action to take place and allow us to keep our inboxes free of garbage.

– iPhoned this in

**From:** [Julia Wallington](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Gmail changed  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:36:17 AM

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Do not agree to change spam structure !!

**From:** [Gary Main](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:55:47 AM

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[No.No.No.](#)  
And No Again.

**From:** [Larry Knop](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google Pilot  
**Date:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:59:13 PM

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Dear Ms. Stevenson and Mr. Stipanovic:

Please do not approve the Google pilot program for political garbage. Even a single false political e-mail at a crucial time in a political campaign can have devastating results. I do not want to have to Unsubscribe to political garbage that I did not want in my inbox in the first place.

Sincerely, Larry Knop, Professor of Mathematics Emeritus



**From:** [Chris Ryba](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google political email spam detector  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:20:38 AM

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You must keep political ads from being delivered to my inbox. They are the most sincere definition of spam.

**From:** [Amanda Brillante](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** GOOGLE request AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:59:51 AM

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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.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS!

**From:** [Eddy Richards](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google request reference # AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:56:34 AM

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No!! Do not allow unsolicited political content to spam our emails!

This greatly increases the risks to cyber security threats and invasion of privacy.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cecei Whiteside](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google request: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:42:17 AM

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NO, NO, NO and NO!!!!

**From:** [Cathy Erdman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google request: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:00:19 AM

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FEC,

Please, for the love of *anything* holy, NO!!! Do not allow google's plan to move forward. What this request amounts to is an ongoing attempt by greedy politicians to beg, buy and harangue consumers into subsidizing their political bullshit. It's the email equivalent of allowing robo-calls. It rewards the continued degradation of our political discourse towards fear and hate mongering and makes it easy for people sowing bigotry and half-assed lies to reach a captive audience with no choice in the matter.

Do your job and protect consumers from these leeches. Say no. Unequivocally, no.

Cathy Erdman  
Janesville, WI.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**From:** [Paul Allen Newell](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** google wanting to allow any and all political emails to bypass spam filters  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 2:28:22 AM

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If I read the info correctly, Google wants to allow political emails to bypass spam filters. You have to be kidding me. In this highly charged day and age, political emails are some of the most important emails to go through spam filters.

Please tell Google "no way"

**From:** [Ned Smith](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:41:07 AM

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Dear Sirs,

I oppose the concept of AO 2022-14 completely.

Ned Smith  
Concerned Citizen

**From:** [Colin Lester](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request reference AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:52:58 AM

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To whom it concerns,

Regarding Google's request. Please firmly and unequivocally reject this. It is a terrible idea. Current spam criteria works well.

Thank you!  
Colin Lester



**From:** [Mike Palko](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request to exempt political e-mails from spam designation:AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:54:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [Screenshot\\_20220717-084058.png](#)

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Do not exempt any!

**From:** [Thomas Herman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request, "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:01:21 AM

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No, no, no! Please don't allow Google or force Google to classify political spam as "not spam"! This is a terrible idea!!!

**From:** [Mark E. Dellamonte](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: "AO 2022-14"  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:38:55 AM

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Regarding Google's request; AO 2022-14: We work hard every day weeding thru and marking emails that clog up our inbox and make it more difficult to do our business and personal work.

This request by Google would make it more difficult to keep unwanted junk spam where it belongs, which is in the spam folder.

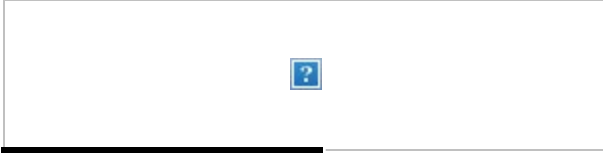
Mark Dellamonte



**From:** [Jean Evans](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:58:19 AM

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No I don't want political emails in my inbox.



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**From:** [John Twigg](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:44:13 AM

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Dear FEC;  
Please reject this request for Google to be able to exempt political advertising from being classified as spam. Nobody needs or wants this to happen.

Thank you,  
John Twigg

**From:** [Jean Evans](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:56:03 AM

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No I don't want political emails. This is a time waster, especially as a business owner!



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least first making a telephone call to the title company or other recipient confirming payment directions.

**From:** [Laura Field](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: "AO 2022-14"  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:38:32 AM

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Please don't allow this.

Thank you,

Laura Field

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)



**From:** [Karl McFarland](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Google's request: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:21:13 AM

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Against this proposal - an unsolicited email for donations is spam, and spam is spam regardless, which political party sends it

**From:** [David Memel](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** In reference to Google"s request: "AO 2022-14."  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:59:50 AM

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I strenuously object to Google's proposal to permit unsolicited political emails to come directly to my inbox. I consider this a complete violation of my right to privacy and political choice. I am wholly not in favor of granting their request.

David S. Memel

**From:** [luke goedecke](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No political messages  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:48:31 AM

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Do not send any political messages endorsements advertisements to my email address. 100%  
NO NO NO  
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE IF THIS IS WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED

**From:** [Ralph Rodgers](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No politician deserves free reign over my email  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:01:12 AM

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Do NOT fuck with privacy you cowardly money loving fuck faces. You pieces old shit are exactly the problem in every situation.... You are the problem in the world.

**From:** [Chantalvona](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** No to AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:28:53 AM

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Political spam is still spam. Giving political email spam from any political committee special treatment will diminish my trust in your brand. Enabling this greatly unwanted communication to thwart spam detection and hit inboxes which were thought to be protected from it will stress, annoy, bother, intrude on privacy.

I thought Google existed to serve the individual not political groups.

Come on, be better than this.

**From:** [William Carroll](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to AO 2022-14: Political Email Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:43:24 AM

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Please don't authorize Google's request to have to have political emails by-pass Spam email logic. Please consider the two issues below.

1. My experience has been that in the majority of cases where I have received political email messages it is because my email address was sold to the political entity. In many cases you cannot opt out of having a company share your email address unless you choose not to use their website to obtain information or purchase a product. This is essentially an opt in first and opt out by clicking a link at the bottom of an email. Even when you opt out using the link in the email it doesn't prevent your email address from being shared.
2. The current spam logic doesn't prevent delivery of political email or my ability to go into the spam folder to find and view the messages. Normal behavior for me is to scan through the spam folder for messages that I was to have in my inbox (opt in) before permanently deleting the messages in the folder. Therefore any messages political, commercial or personal that are mistakenly added to the folder I can remove and add those to my contacts list to prevent them from going into that folder in the future giving me (opt in control of the Inbox folder)

If the government feels there is a need to protect political email messages then it should pass a regulation requiring all email companies to create an email politics folder. Then create a process for which all political entities can register an email address with the FEC and this would guarantee that their messages are directed to all users political email folder.

The current spam logic is the last opportunity for the implementation of an opt in approach for my email inbox. Again please do not authorize Google's proposal AO 2022-14.

Thank You

**From:** [Michael Bennett](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Gmail political emails  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:13:24 AM

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I vehemently object to Google's request: "AO 2022-14."

I do not want unsolicited emails of any type in my inbox but especially not political emails. These are spam and should be retained as spam and not allowed to go straight to my inbox.

Thank you

Michael Bennett  
Voter, California

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Michael Bennett  
Sent from my mobile device

**From:** [cgfoster8273](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Google political email plan  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:36:04 AM

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I oppose Google's plan to send unsolicited political ads to my Gmail. The plan is an invasion of my privacy, unwanted, and has absolutely no benefit to me. The FEC should protect consumer privacy rights, not corporate profiteers and politicians.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



**From:** [M.Rausch](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Please do NOT allow Google's request: "AO 2022-14"  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:20:22 AM

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Please do NOT allow Google's request: "AO 2022-14"

DO. NOT. ALLOW. POLITICAL. SPAM!!!!

How could the FCC EVER think this was a good idea for the PEOPLE of the United States that you serve?!?

The ONLY entities benefiting from such a self-serving idea are the (dividend, and NOT public service-oriented) corporations (Google?!?..)....and the political parties who ALREADY inundate us with decisive (vs useful) campaign drivel thanks to our abysmal failure in this country to control campaign financing!!!

...DON'T LET THE FCC BECOME AN ENABLER OF EVEN FURTHER POLITICAL ATROCITIES!!!

...PLEASE!!!...Serve the people of this country VS political ambitions and greed!!!

....From: A career military officer, and a former civil servant of combined service of over 39 years, who LIKE YOU, swore an oath to serve!

Matt

**From:** [Vicki Kirby](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Political Emails to Spam  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:31:49 AM

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In regards to Google's request: "AO 2022-14," please send ALL political Emails to Spam. If it ends up being an individual choice, please send ALL political Emails to MY spam folder.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Kirby



**From:** [Gregor Bailar](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Political Spam AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:42:20 AM

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,AO 2022-14.

By legalizing political spam as a separate category and preventing providers and tools from automatically filtering it, you will create a class that will undermine all legitimate political e-mail and encourage spam marketers to masquerade as political spam. Spam has enormous costs and negative impacts on our internet and communications infrastructure. In addition spam in end user mailboxes results in huge productivity losses for American workers and businesses. Allowing a “hall-pass” to spam producers targeting the USA also puts the USA at a disadvantage to other countries.

Do not allow any spam producer, political or otherwise to have a free ticket to avoid detection and set Americans further behind other countries. Our digital future depends on us being a leader in the use of technology - not the unguarded victim of it.

Gregor Bailar, Washington DC  
Retired CIO, Capital One Financial; past-CIO NASDAQ Stock Market;  
past CTO Citibank Global Corporate Bank; Past US critical infrastructures  
advisory committee member.

**From:** [Denton Yoder](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:04:34 AM

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Please reject this proposal.

This would allow Google to use its own users as pawns in its fight to present itself as a benevolent overlord.

Please do not allow my inbox to become flooded with unwanted political propaganda.

Denton Yoder  
Archbold OH

**From:** [Jim Jacobi](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:58:41 AM

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I would rather help a Nigerian prince retain his fortune than help a Republican or a Democrat retain office.

**DO NOT PERMIT GOOGLE TO MAKE THIS CHANGE! POLITICIANS SHOULD NEVER BE EXEMPTED FROM THE RULES THAT APPLY TO EVERYONE ELSE!**

**From:** [Steve Tyukodi](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:09:29 AM

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This is a horrible idea. I don't even live in your country but you can't tell that by my email address. The last thing I want is to have my in box flooded by political emails from your country because someone managed to get their hands on my email address through some kind of data sale.

Please don't agree to this. Your political climate is very polarized and toxic right now. Don't pour gasoline on a fire.

**From:** [David Binnion](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:43:02 AM

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Politicians have outsized ways of reaching the populace, spamming us through gmail is not needed. Indeed if any kind action is needed, why not try cracking down on donation requests that automatically suggest high amounts with additional monthly donations.

David Binnion  
Hillsboro, OH

**From:** [Alex Gadd](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:29:12 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow or endorse Google to start letting unsolicited political emails through to my inbox from any political party. This is a terrible idea that will only serve to create more work for individuals to manually re-assign them to Spam. Why anyone would think this is a good idea for everyday citizens is beyond me. Please stop this.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Alex Gadd



**From:** [Wayne Houseknecht](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 7:57:07 AM

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Regarding **AO 2022-14, no. Absolutely not.**

**From:** [Kevin Butler](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Google request AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:15:00 AM

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Please, please, please deny this intrusive request.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Rearding Google AO 2022-14, no, no, no!  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:54:51 AM

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Rob Cork](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Ref: AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 4:29:48 AM

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I do NOT want to receive political spam mail.

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**From:** [Andrew Wood](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Reference AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:24:32 AM

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Please reject this proposal outright, it is bad enough with the amount of spam passing through the filters as it is without giving political spam a free pass.

Regards  
Andrew Wood

**From:** [Karl Hauser](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Reference# AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:48:26 AM

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Dear FEC,

Just because one political party is abusing Gmail and thus being subject to spam, does not mean that they should get to avoid the spam filter. That would simply encourage further abuse Gmail, Gmail patrons, and damage the user experience further causing undue distress and disinformation.

Thank you  
Karl Hauser

**From:** [David Rahman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:30:30 AM

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This is regarding reference number AO 2022-14

I am completely against the proposal. If it happens, I'll stop using Gmail.

Dave

**From:** [VSS](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:45:51 AM

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Please, please, please do not allow political emails to go to our primary inboxes in our Gmail.

This is a terrible idea. As an active member of the Democratic party, I can tell you that all of the DNC emails go to spam. As they should. And there are lots of them.

If any Republican tells you that their emails as sent to spam more often than a Democrat's, they are trying to use the fairness doctrine against your sense of social decency. Stick to your guns and trust your previous judgement!

Victoria S Strasnick MD



**From:** [Rodney](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AO 2022-14.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:51:54 AM

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Please, NO.  
Let me say it again, NO.

Wouldn't the plan let the government decide who is a political committee and hasn't the Trump era put in doubt the governments ability to do this without bias (attempted election tampering, inciting a riot)?

Let me say it again. No.

Rodney

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Susan Foreman](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 5:39:45 AM

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I oppose the suggestion that political email should be treated differently from any other unsolicited broadcast-style email.

If current SPAM classification mechanisms should have an exemption for political content then what mechanism is in place to provide the same capability for health related content, religious content, and product promotion content?

I would not advocate for any of the above implied exemptions. my point is that no single unsolicited broadcast-style email should have special exceptions chosen by corporation.

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Su Foreman

**From:** [Kal Hassan](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding Google AO-2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:08:10 AM

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This request should be rejected! Google is trying to find another way to monetize their data.  
Khalid Hassan

Sent from my mobile device

Kal Hassan

**From:** [James Zarbock](#)  
**To:** [AO](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding Proposal AO 2022-14  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 8:56:12 AM

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AO 2022-14

If this is implemented this user will be leaving Gmail. Spam is spam and detection should be applied equally and without any bias. This is so lazy and disingenuous. Instead of removing bias from spam detection the plan is to remove spam detection for "political" spam. Really? This sounds like an SNL news joke.

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**From:** [Jeff Kurzner](#)  
**To:** [AQ](#)  
**Subject:** Spam of political crap  
**Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2022 6:45:44 AM

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Please do not change Gmail. Political calls and emails should need labeled as spam and should have no special place in terms off delivery

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**From:** Susan Grant [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** No spam

To whom it may concern,

Please stop the process of allowing political spam from Google.

Thank you,

Best,  
Susan Grant

Susan Grant

[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Raven Deerwater <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:38 PM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** gmail

Political emails should absolutely be subject to spam filters. Don't flood our inboxes with these emails, which often distort reality.

Raven

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** PW Nyberg [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 12:20 AM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** Allowing political emails to bypass Gmail spam filters

This is a bad idea and leads to quite a slippery slope (Where is the line drawn regarding sender affiliation?). Recipients of political and other unsolicited emails can still view the message in their spam folders should they choose.

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Paul Nyberg

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Michael Clark [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 16, 2022 7:16 PM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** AO 2022-14

Hello FEC,

Allowing a political party of any ideology to have mandated access to a user's inbox is rife for abuse. Can the political party provide proof that the recipient has requested their email address be added to the party's distribution list? Proof would need to be date and time, IP address, source (email, specific web site URL), And the proof of the confirmation that the user clicked through to confirm the they wanted to receive the emails.

Just because someone asks to be added to PartyX's mailing list, PartyX should not be allowed to share that address with any of their affiliates. If it is shared, each affiliate must get confirmation from the user that they want to receive those mailings as well. PartyX (and those downstream recipients of the user's email address) must be mandated to maintain records of the confirmations for as long as PartyX is using the email address.

The user must have easy, automated access to the history of their email address with PartyX. This will include at a minimum: Who it has been shared with, how permission was confirmed, how many mailings have been sent to that address, the date and time of those mailings.

Please do not allow our email mailboxes to be a haven for political messaging. If a user marks a message as spam or blocks it by some method at their disposal (a button in their email client, a blacklist of domains at the mail server they manage, a procmail rule, a rule in their email client on their desktop computer, among many other options), it should not be mandated that a message should bypass the user's preferences.

If anything, the FEC should be implementing teeth to endure that political parties are treating user's information with respect and dignity. Thank you, Michael (Roanoke, VA)

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Michael Clark

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**From:** Don [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 4:51 PM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** Google Spam

To Whom It May Concern,

I see zero benefit for one group (politicians) to receive a special exemption regarding spam filtering. If this is approved it will literally open the door to all kind of unwanted email. The lack of oversight will be enormous and lead to huge amounts of unsolicited email. I already receive an inordinate amount of political garbage already. I certainly do NOT want it to increase!

Respectfully,

Don Reed

Sent from Mail

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 6:37 AM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** Please do not allow politicians to spam us

I already get enough political and politician spam. Please don't give them your blessing to make it worse. Follow the Constitution and help us retain Our Right to Privacy!

Thank you.

Ray Storla

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.avg.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cao%40fec.gov%7C3af214bfdcf34c0f43e508da664e0556%7Cee91fa706c9d45e0bb084a355de91010%7C0%7C1%7C637934782588543631%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ikh1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Zbd1gr5VINQfaVqqxsT%2BxXaX480MyaiQ2kb1fC87mPE%3D&reserved=0>

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** AO  
**Subject:** PREVENT gmail from allowing political spam!

Powerful forces are screwing with electoral processes throughout the U.S.

The FEC absolutely must protect honesty and fairness!

A new danger is emerging. Google might allow political spam on Gmail. The FEC must PREVENT this!

Recent years' evidence has shown that powerful business interests are strongly biased in favor of Republicans – often in surreptitious ways that prevent voters from knowing who is funding and sending the propaganda.

The FEC absolutely must PREVENT political bias in Gmail.

Gmail's attorneys have said what they want to do: [https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2022-14/202214R\\_1.pdf?link\\_id=4&can\\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-submit-a-comment-to-the-fec-to-stop-gmails-political-spam-proposal&email\\_referrer=email\\_1606523&email\\_subject=submit-a-comment-to-the-fec-to-stop-gmails-political-spam-proposal](https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/aos/2022-14/202214R_1.pdf?link_id=4&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-submit-a-comment-to-the-fec-to-stop-gmails-political-spam-proposal&email_referrer=email_1606523&email_subject=submit-a-comment-to-the-fec-to-stop-gmails-political-spam-proposal)  
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The FEC must be strictly neutral – and, therefore, must PREVENT the abuse that Google is proposing.

Please protect honest democracy from political spam.

Thank you!

Instead of escalating the Ukraine crisis into a nuclear war, we need to change the dynamics by using nonviolence and honest diplomacy (listening and sincere problem-solving, not bullying). Recently I posted several relevant and timely articles to my blog:

<https://parallaxperspectives.org/nonviolent-resistance-is-effective-in-ukraine-and-elsewhere>  
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fparallaxperspectives.org%2Fnonviolent-resistance-is-effective-in-ukraine-and-elsewhere&data=05%7C01%7Cao%40fec.gov%7C6659ad2403a5464406a608da668f38af%7Cee91fa706c9d45e0bb084a355de91010%7C0%7C1%7C637935062584694915%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bQU6GAxDPhDrb0Q9N1Krnq%2BrtNtFc8OKkm10mA5QhKE%3D&reserved=0>>

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See information I've posted to various categories of my blog, [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)  
<<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.parallaxperspectives.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cao%40fec.gov%7C6659ad2403a5464406a608da668f38af%7Cee91fa706c9d45e0bb084a355de91010%7C0%7C1%7C637935062584694915%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=C8ZyHOuyWDEmv9Ne9wvWy42Hb4KBYIj6woZTC1EdpDY%3D&reserved=0>>, including the categories for "Nonviolence" and "Peace" and "Russia."

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