

SYN. NO. _____

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

March 4, 2003

Americans received 261 billion spam emails last year, up from 140 billion spam messages in 2001. That's an 86 percent increase in annoying, often filthy email messages that burn people's time and money by forcing them to wade through millions of messages that cost the spammers virtually nothing to package and send. Despite technology's attempts to create foolproof email filter systems, the problem of email spam is getting exponentially worse.

Senate Bill SB 12 would make it a crime to send unsolicited commercial emails from California or to any email address in the state and allow individuals the right to sue spammers for up to \$500 per violation. SB 12 gives people the ability and incentive to go after spammers on their own without having to rely solely on technology or the district attorney to try and solve the problem.

THEREFORE, I MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send letters to the County's legislative delegation in support of SB 12 and direct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to pursue enactment of SB 12.

MOTION

MOLINA _____

YAROSLAVSKY _____

KNABE _____

ANTONOVICH _____

BURKE _____