



To My Esteemed Employer,

I have been working for the company just a few months since my return from seminary. There is a problem that has been weighing heavily on me and I felt the need to reach out. I hope you will take my concerns into consideration, despite my relative youth and inexperience.

I am referring to the unfiltered internet installed on our office computers.

The most obvious problem this presents is the colossal waste of time engendered by accessibility to the World Wide Web. Full internet access may have originally been intended to increase productivity, but it has become abundantly clear that the opposite is true; it considerably decreases efficiency.

Employees are naturally drawn to the shopping, news platforms, social media outlets, and simcha announcement sites that unfettered access puts at their fingertips. Hours may be frittered away daily on these trivial, mind-numbing pursuits. Before the employee even realizes it, the majority of another workday has gone down the drain.

But of even greater concern is the spiritual challenge presented by the Internet, which could be averted with proper filtering. Daily bombardment by content that is unbecoming a *bas Yisroel* is poisonous to the *neshamah*. The conspicuous consumption, lack of *tznius*, *lashon hara*, *leitzanus*, and endless timewasting that abound even on so-called "frum sites" —are all part of the allure of the Web and are in contradiction to the ideals I was brought up with.

Yes, I realize that I bear responsibility for what I choose to click on and how I spend my time at work. And yes, I do try very hard to avoid using the Internet for anything non-work-related and getting caught up in the Internet culture. But when the people in the environment where I spend so many hours of my day are absorbed in these online frivolities, it is very hard to avoid being sucked in, despite my best intentions.

All this could be easily circumvented if the computers would be fitted with strong filters that would not adversely affect our ability to do our jobs but would serve as a shield against the dangers lurking behind the computer screen.

Please, think about me and my future family, and consider all the time, money, and *kedushah* you can save by taking this simple step.

Your Employee