

Comment from alternate Government Member William Piervincenzi on *Mass, Computer-Generated, and Fraudulent Comments*  
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**Line 29**

- Just wordsmithing - do we want to say these comments strain how agencies read, process, and analyze? or do they strain agencies, or agency staff? I can't tell whether I think they strain the processes or strain the resources of the agency (by which I mean me, when I read them).

**Line 33**

- maybe "should be" rather than "are to be"

**Line 48-49**

- I'm not sure that this is a problem arising out of computer generated comments, exactly. It does seem like a problem if it is malattributed (misusing someone's identity to appear to be from an interested person) or attributed to a person who does not exist. It won't be long before my own computer, can, at my request, comment on my behalf. That ought not be an APA problem.

**Line 52-53**

- I don't know if this is worth trying to wordsmith to include: It's not just that the informational value is reduced. It is that the agency reviewer can be deceived about what value it has.

**Line 75**

- missing verb, maybe? Would agencies consider innovations? or would they consider adopting them?

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