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The Wrong Step

Over the past few years, laws have become more and more restrictive. Our government is now trying to restrict such things as Internet use and even freedom of speech. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 will restrict the amount of learning material available, stop libraries' and museums' ability to archive information, and interfere with education and research in our schools and universities. This copyright law restriction could create a naïve society that, in the future, knows little about computer programs. As a student, I read the previous fact and an alarm siren begins to ring in my mind. I cannot comprehend how our government can deprive students from learning about computer programs. Everyday, on television, politicians reinforce that our government trying to encourage individuals to get further education. I hear how education is one of the most important things on our government's agenda. Yet now, I don't understand how the government can conceive passing a new law that depletes the amount of learning material about computer programs. I have loved our government for advocating and encouraging education. This new law will hinder educational opportunities because there will be less learning material available to students. It will utterly disgust me to hear that this new law is passed and that our government will allow for copyrights to drastically reduce learning materials. Every individual should have the opportunity to study the structure and ingenuity behind computer programs. If this new law is passed, then the government is blatantly going against their education principles. I

honestly believe the government has been implementing the educationally right decisions; however, if this law is passed, the government will be taking a step in the wrong direction and will hurt our prospective future in the current computer age.