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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #1 (Copy-Protected CDs): Sound recordings released on compact disc ("CDs") that are protected by technological protection measures that malfunction so as to prevent access on certain playback devices.

Summary:

Disc name: Red Hot Chili Peppers-- One Hot Minute

I downloaded a couple of songs from the new Red Hot Chili Peppers album, One Hot Minute, and I really liked it, so I decided to buy the whole CD so that I could have a perfect quality copy to play in my car. It cost the outrageous price of \$18, but I really wanted it, and figured it was worth it to have a perfect copy without any pops or distortions, so I coughed up the money. As soon as I got out of the store I put it into my car CD player, and what do you know, it began to skip horribly every few seconds. I tried to return the CD, but the store wouldn't allow me to, saying that it was my fault and that my CD player was defective. However, this is far from the case, as this CD player has played every other CD I've ever put into it perfectly skip free. I talked with some friends and found that many of them had similar experiences with new CD's. Since the CD's with this "copy protection" are not labeled, there is no way to know if they will play in your CD player. I am a music lover and have purchased over 300 music CD's, however my experience with this CD was so frustrating that I will never buy another CD again until there is some method to determine at the time of sale which CD's are broken with "copy protection." It has now been 8 months since my experience with this "copy protection" and I have yet to buy a new CD.