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Subject: DMCA Comment

I am concerned that the DMCA as currently proposed will infringe upon my ability to make backup copies of copyrighted material for my own use.

I don't believe the US Government should make it illegal for registered users of software to make backup copies.

I am in favor of "artists" and "authors" protecting their copyrights. There are many technical methods available to protect "artists" and "authors" rights. I recommend that "artists" and "authors" profit not just from the quality, but also from the quantity of 'goods' they have provided to the marketplace.

Money is valuable because it is widely and commonly traded, not because it is held in exclusivity by a small group of people.

Thank you,

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