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I understand that the Administration is interested in out plight. That's wonderful.

Intellectual Property rights are very, very important to me and many of my music peers here in Nashville. As a songwriter and music publisher the royalties I receive quarterly are my life's blood and, with the addition of the internet, that blood is being drained at a much more rapid rate than it ever has in the past.

These days, the piracy of songs, copying of albums, especially from the internet, and other "free downloading" infringements on my rights continue to squeeze and squelch the already "limited" income from my songs, making it very difficult to make a living doing what I've been doing as a meager career for over 40 years.

The government must help us out by creating more legal difficulties for these pirates and passing much stricter laws for protecting our creative rights. Please urge them to introduce stronger legislation against this outright theft of our property. Thank you,

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