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Comments: Copyright laws in this country stifle consumers from enjoying many freedoms and forms of music. Look at the laws about streaming music and you'll see, they are unbalanced and aimed at preventing small operators from streaming to the public. A law should only be implemented when there is a reasonable form of enforcement and a plurality of options for the public. When it comes to copyright, it is promoted by the least valued company in America and shows lack of innovation, intent to change within the industry, and open competition.

In regards to part one, the costs with respect to losses are unfair and exaggerated. When something is stolen, it is lost and cannot be resold, but with digital distribution of media, you have only lost potential sale and the operating costs. The ability to sell is not hampered. The courts request 150,000 fee per song which is not accurate or fair and continues to show that they do not seem realistic terms of retribution forcing the public to not embrace their style of business.

Concerning part two, the strategy is unrealistic. Retribution and reacting to lost revenue is not a good and honorable course of business. With the way computers and society advance, digital control is easily circumvented and will never be completely abolished. It will only evolve and move from one form to another. Enforcement should not be at the expense of the rights of consumers, such as, but not only, the ability to backup media that you already own. I support authors' rights to own their content, but I also want this to be done in a way that does not impede my ability to use the content that I own in a way of my choosing. In addition, any further intellectual property enforcement would certainly be a dire violation of my privacy.

I hope this helps.
Ben