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To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)
Subject: The roll of Copyright in America
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Hello,

I am writing this because I see copyright from both sides. I am both a consumer of good and a writer. As such my opinion covers both angles. I believe that Copyright Law and Enforcement needs balance. It needs to balance the rights of those using it to make money versus those that buy a good that is under it.

Overly restrictive laws that turn our children into infringer's and makes every US citizen a criminal is to far. The government is there to protect it's citizens and not the companies they work for. It is a nation by the people and for the people. NOT by the Corporations and for the Corporations. Should there be protections, YES. Should they be measured, well thought out, and consistent; Yes! Should they be one sided...not at all.

As a writer my works are protected by copyright law. And that protection is something I need. But at the same time I do not believe that the path we are taking will benefit anyone...Not I, nor the public. It only serves to benefit those that have enough money to lobby for those laws. Something I do not have.

As such, I believe that the DMCA needs to be redone. It's rules should be altered to include fair use and reasonable measures of punishment. I believe not all DRM should be protected, like that of DVD's CSS encryption. Not because I wish to pirate it, but because it is an ineffective measure of protection. And that I as a father should have the right to take a DVD I have bought, rip it, re-compress that, and put it into something else for my kids to enjoy.

I hope that you listen. I do not wish to live in a nation rules by fear mongering and unreasonable laws that make every one a criminal. Who would...I doubt any one would if they truly knew. As such, I stand by what I have said and hope this helps in some way to set a path that will protect both companies, my works, and my children's rights for the future.

Sincerely,
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