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To whom it may concern

I am a Grammy nominated producer and songwriter and I have made records with superstars like Beyonce, Fergie, and Alicia Keys.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that due to the tremendous amount of illegal downloads the recording industry is falling to pieces and revenue for producers, artists and song writers is a fraction of what it used to be.

It is very important for the government to do its part in passing laws that keep pace with the rapid evolution of the internet and it's many ways of illegal file sharing and other illegal uses of our copyrights.

Apart from battling illegal downloads I believe that songwriters and artists should get compensated every time their works are played on the internet. Youtube, myspace and many social networking sites mainly exist because users can listen to music for free.

There needs to be a law, similar to the writers' royalties in radio airplay, that forces such sites to compensate the creators of those copyrights they take for granted and that have made those site millions, if not billions, of dollars, which should be rightfully shared and distributed.

Sincerely,
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