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Dear Ms Espinel,

I have been advised that you are requesting commentary regarding Intellectual Property and the effect infringement has had on our business. I am not a songwriter, but work with many of them, including Ned Washington, Stan Getz, Count Basie, Frank Foster, Rod McKuen, Oscar Peterson, Woody Harris, Jim Wann and many new and up-coming composers.

Illegal downloading has affected our industry tremendously. Selling CDs is virtually come to a standstill and illegal downloading of songs still is dominating the industry. An enourmous amount of royalty income has been cut off.

Further, unless the songwriters a publisher is representing are currently alive and performing - and I represent several songwriters who are deceased - there is no particular interest in hearing the songs of the past generations. This is also caused by everything being available on the internet and therefore, even radio stations do not play songs of past eras.

I do not know what can be done to further strengthen legal downloading, but hope that the President's influence in this area can be effective.

Thank you for reaching out to the music community.

Sincerely yours,
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