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Sirs;

I own a photo and media agency and am a photographer, videographer, and filmmaker. This business directly supports about 40 US citizens who buy goods and services and pay taxes. Indirectly, we spend about \$300,000 each year on goods, services, travel, food and other items.

None of this would be possible without robust copyright protection.

With digital technology it is effortless for anybody to steal the product we produce. The only hope we have of recouping our investment in people, products and services is a robust set of protections guarding the usage of our work.

The burden of proof needs to be on the user of copyrighted work, not on the producer. And if the laws are broken, the penalties need to be substantial and enforceable.

Thank you.

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