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Dear Ms. Espinel:

I feel as if all copyright matters are weighed heavily in favor of big media and have little to do with encouraging creativity and making the lives of our citizens better. The laws as they are and as some are pushing them to be put everything into boxes with heavy entrance fees. Creativity flourishes when minds connect. Boxes do not connect, entrance fees are connection barriers.

What I find most sad is that the record companies and movie executives will, once all the old white men are dead, make more money than ever before. They no longer have physical products or at least their products do not need to be physical. They cannot charge the same price for ones and zeros that they charged for packaged plastic disks. On the other hand, their audience is now the world. They could charge 25 cents per song and make pots and pots of money but they insist on trying to halt progress.

We could and should be having a Renaissance that would make 16th century Italy look dull. They had no copyrights then - they copied each other and each copy added something new and exciting. There is SO much ready to bloom!

In addition there are practical matters at stake. This Old Guard, the folks with the boxes and lobbyists, they are harming our economy by keeping things bottled up, harming it terribly and a solid economy is the first and best defense. We need to get people back to work and in order for that to happen we need to let loose the technological and creative revolution which is waiting to emerge and blossom.

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