

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)  
**Subject:** intellectual property  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2010 11:37:19 AM

---

Dear Ms. Espinel,

I work as an independent musician - well, I did until the recession when I had to take other work - and I believe very strongly in protecting the intellectual property rights of artists and preventing the theft of our work as much as possible! When my first CD came out I was dismayed at the cavalier attitude many of my friends and acquaintances took about burning themselves copies of it. It is truly disheartening to find that one cannot earn a regular, decent living as a musician (I am talking about \$35,000-\$40,000 a year), due to the amount of theft of tracks by people making mixes for friends or burning entire CDs. Perhaps all musicians have been tainted by the excesses of a very small number of artists who make fortunes, but most of us live modestly and do not want to have to take other jobs just to survive!

Thanks for your help in this issue!

Sincerely,

Ravenna Michalsen  
New Haven, CT.  
musician

--

come listen  
[www.RavennaM.com](http://www.RavennaM.com)