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Dear Ms. Espinal;

I have attached a detailed letter noting how e-piracy/illegal downloading of copyrighted materials has affected me and others I know. Last year, I grossed about \$7,000 in self employment income from legal sales of my books. Unfortunately, I would have more than doubled that income had pirates not facilitated illegal downloads of my copyrighted material for free. The taxes that I would have paid on that income is lost to the US Government, too. My publisher also lost a great deal of money, as did the other artists who make royalties from the sale of my books (editors, cover artists, etc).

Please read the attached letter.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Frances Romney