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Dear Mr. President and White House Staff:

I am one of a multitude of Songwriters and Vocalists in the US. Anything you can do to protect our songs from infringements would be beneficial.

Ours is a field where success has been limited in recent years, in great part due to the Internet. In the past, an Independent Songwriter (one who is not signed to a publisher), such as myself, had the dream of being placed on an artist's album. If that album did well, we would also do well.

However, with the onset of iTunes and other such mechanisms, the public can now download individual songs. What that means for the Independent is that unless he/she is connected well in the Industry, they will not likely be chosen for any album selection.

WHY? Publishers and artists are placing mainly songs for which they themselves will receive royalties, since it is hard to tell which songs will be downloaded. And at just a little over 9 cents per song, there is a clamoring to own all songs on an album.

With all of this, it is imperative that someone cannot steal via modern means our Intellectual Property. In fact, if there were a way to reform and modify the iTunes situation, that would be even better!

At any rate, I appreciate (along with my professional and semi-professional colleagues) all your help in this matter.

Sincerely,
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