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Dear Ms. Espinel:

The possibility that enforcement of copyright laws includes punishment based on suspicion without any due process is abhorrent, since inevitably innocent people will be punished with no recourse or remedy. I believe that this is counter to many provisions of the US Constitution.

Measures like cutting off Internet access in response to alleged copyright infringement does more than punish the offender if (s)he is guilty. It punishes a whole household including members who had no part in the activity. It is akin to getting a traffic ticket, and having the privilege of driving taken from all members of your household.

Internet service providers should not be required or asked to violate users' privacy in the name of copyright enforcement beyond the scope of the law.

The Anti Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) should be made open and transparent. In dealing with questions of copyright and the Internet, too much is at stake for our country's laws and policies to be made out of the public eye.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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