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To: <u>FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty</u>

Subject: Comments on the Joint Strategic Plan

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Re: Comments on the Joint Strategic Plan Victoria Espinel Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Office of Management and Budget Executive Office of the President Filed via email

Dear Ms. Espinel:

Current enforcement of copyright control is inherently biased against users of non-traditional technology. By non-traditional I mean those who elect to not use Microsoft Windows or Apple OS X.

As an Ubuntu Linux user, I often need to jump through hoops -- technological and legal -- to enjoy media I have paid money for. I also frequently download very large files -- Linux images -- using BitTorrent technology, and have been discriminated against by having my connection limited purely because I was using a protocol infamous for pirated material.

BitTorrent is just a protocol; Ubuntu Linux is just an operating system. I should not be inconvenienced or punished for the kinds of technology I (legally) elect to use.

Sincerely, Nathaniel Smith