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How does the infringement of intellectual property affect me, as a songwriter?....How would it affect the corner mom and pop store?...if someone comes in and BUYS a soda...vs the money they lose if someone comes in and just removes it from the shelf and walks out with it. Just because it is intellectual..doesn't mean it doesn't belong to someone. The man who cuts wood, sands down and paints a rocking chair. That chair comes from his head his hands and his heart. If he looks away and someone steals it....he feels that loss. Not only that chair from his heart but the money he put into making it (songwriter demos) and he can no longer have the money from which he was going to acquire from its sale! It comes from a songwriter's deepest innermost feelings and affects so many others innermost feelings. Just because it isnt a physical solid "item for sale" doesnt mean that it isnt as important. It affects the way I live, the way i dream, the way I have a chance to be.