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Ms. Espinel,

I'd like to lend my experiences and insights as a resource to your movement. My name is Richard Askew founder of Stockart.com/. My company has been devastated by copyright infringement. I have personally uncovered over 400 for-profit companies whom have stolen over 4,000 images from Stockart.com/. Many of the infringements were from Fortune 500 companies whom used the images for very high profile uses such as Pepperidge Farm, FTD, Papa Johns, Taco Bell, Mercedes Benz, and even Sesame Street to name a few. Unfortunately, these companies have deep pockets and were able to bleed us to death in the process. I would estimate that we only license legally 1 image out of every 50 which are stolen!

About a year ago, we had one single designer Jon Engle launched a social network hoax which put a nail in our coffin. I personally received death threats and thousands of threatening hate e-mails. By the time the truth played out online, it was too late and the Stockart.com name was destroyed. The designer even had the "gall" to open a legal defense fund online.

http://www.reddit.com/r/reddit.com/comments/8arkl/jon_engle_the_guy_being_sued_for_18k_by/

...or just Google "Stockart.com and Jon Engle" to get the full story.

I would like to be a resource for you to better the future prospects of the copyright law in order to protect the intellectual property rights of artists and artists groups in the future. Let me know should you believe I can help your endeavors.

Respectfully,

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