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Ms. Espinel,

I lend my voice to the thousands of others who make their living with intellectual property. I am a songwriter, which makes me self-employed, which means I have no company benefits, health insurance, pension, etc.

My hope in following my dream is that I can become successful enough for a long enough period to stack up enough money to pay for the above listed needs and retire with my wife in some semblance of a lifestyle. At best, I may have a five to ten year window when I will make a lot of money, that I will have to make last a long time.

I do not wish for easy. My pathway to my current level of success has been long and difficult. Many years....and much rejection. So I am not asking for a handout, a bonus, or something I did not earn....just protection to the fullest extent of conscience of what I deserve. I do what I do for the love of it, yet have been willing for over twenty years to endure risk and uncertainty because of the potential upside. I am smart....I want to take care of my family. I pay my taxes.

I am already under assault by the nature of the devaluation of music, through the internet, etc. I understand the ever evolving landscape I play on....and welcome it. I just add my voice to the voices of the others in standing for protection of intellectual property. The road to where we, the creators, go is difficult. Please don't take what may lay at the end of it away.

For this reason, aggressive protection of what I create out of thin air is very important to me. I appreciate so much your efforts on my behalf, and on the behalf of the others of us that choose to take the path less traveled.

Sincerely,

Brett Beavers
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Country music songwriter / producer / etc...