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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Enforcement relating to individual acts (ie, noncommercial and quasi-commercial (eg, posting a copyrighted image on a personal blog not used strictly for commercial purposes)) of copyright infringement should incur a minor penalty. The intention should be to deter minor infringement by making it an economic decision (eg, "I can pay half as much if I buy the real one").

Stripping of internet access should be avoided, and should never occur without due process by a court. This is especially important as mobile phones and home phones use the internet (Voice Over IP). Stripping would amount to effectively silencing the parties from a majority of communication options available to them.

IP (Internet Protocol) traffic monitoring and tampering would have a similar effect of adversely affecting users if it were to occur outside of the view of the courts. It would ultimately push users to employ encryption for everyday use, and while this would improve their privacy and security, it would also limit the ability for people to communicate freely and openly (ie, it would violate the First Amendment).

Anti-circumvention provisions should be abolished. They are not within the scope of copyright. All non-distribution (ie, private) uses of properly obtained, copyrighted works are protected EXCEPT for a few narrow cases (eg, VARA rights).

I thank you for your time. I know you will weigh your choices carefully, as they will have far-reaching implications on the culture and the economy of our nation in the months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Adam Dane