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To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)
Subject: Fw: Letter to Ms. Espinel and tthe Obama Administration
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Dear Ms. Espinel,

Intellectual property rights, and the affect of piracy and infringement rights are all important to me because this problem was first acted on in 1962 when Congress passed an anti-counterfeiting law and penalty that was signed by President John F. Kennedy. An International Treaty was signed in 1971 by Fifty Nations including the United States for Protection of Sound Recordings against Piracy. This was the beginning of assistance to the songwriters and recording artists from Federal Laws.

We are now in the year of 2010 and the unauthorized copying, sale, distribution of artists intellectual property, piracy and infringement are rampant.

I am writing this email to you in remembrance of my husband who was a great composer, artist, and musician. When he was alive he experienced unauthorized copying, distribution, etc of his intellectual property rights, piracy and infringement of his compositions.

After his demise it was unbelievable how much of the above negative actions took place and are still taking place in the United States and are continue to be exceptionally rampant in Europe and other foreign countries.

In reference to technology and the internet I suggest that stringent measures should be taken to eliminate the serious problem with illegal downloading and selling of music on the internet.

My response as to what the U.S. Government could do is to pass more powerful laws against the above offenses that will make those who have been disobeying the current laws fear to continue dealing with infringement, piracy and intellectual property rights in a fraudulent manner.

Sincerely,

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Songwriter
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