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Dear Ms. Espinel:

I have always been under the impression that the United States of America existed to serve the people. Why crack down on other forms of big business, yet allow the entertainment industry to further terrorize citizens for "copyright infringement"? Such punishment has done nothing to deter such behavior, as proven by the continued existence of sites such as The Pirate Bay.

One of the modern internet solutions (one that is understandably ineffective in sustaining a major corporation) has been the Creative Commons system. While it is itself imperfect, it offers a sense of communal respect; the author fully allows the audience to do what they wish with the material within certain reasonable guidelines, and in turn, the audience respects the author. A need for such values, as well as transparency, are needed in the new copyright laws. Further enabling copyright to be used as a tool to punish the individual for something they may have done is not in the interest of the copyright holder or the individual.

Intellectual properties should be respected, but stripping rights to privacy or to the access of information is no way for a government based on democracy to go about doing so.

Sincerely,

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