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Comments: The copyright laws in this country are already outrageous and I will not support any law that wishes to add additional enforcement, or expansion of copyright laws until the current system is fixed. I urge you to seek assistance from the United States Pirate Party.

In regards to part one, I feel that any alleged losses due to the sharing of files online are negligible in comparison to harm done by current copyright laws. The inability of scholars to research and share journals does grievous harm to all science in the US. I work in medicine, where the harm can be measured in lives. There are numerous artists who have gained profit and popularity despite, and even in thanks, online file sharing, including Eminem and Nine Inch Nails, but commercial publishing must not be put above free speech and scientific necessity. If the goal of copyright law is to provide access to information by promoting publication, it is failing miserably. Universal access to knowledge would be provided better by allowing people to share.

Concerning part two, I feel that the government should update its objectives and start looking for ways to work with businesses to adopt a better model that includes the free sharing of ideas (which is what this country is founded on). If that is not possible, then I request that you look for forms of enforcement that do not go against citizens, and their rights. The ability to backup media that you already own, to privately share and the building of public libraries are all vital functions of a free society. I support authors\' rights to own their works, but I also want this to be done in a way that does not impede my ability to use and share works to benefit my neighbors. In addition, constitutional guarantees of privacy must not be breached to prop up obsolete publishing models.