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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Copyright violators who download videos or mp3s from the internet are caught and given fines so excessive as to put them in debt for the rest of their lives. The methods used to "catch" them are error prone.

I work at an ISP, and I can assure you that ISP records are not infallible when it comes to determining who had what ip address at what time. Wireless routers are often hacked and used to pass copyrighted materials. Computers are hacked, routing traffic through one individual's machine from another's. When content providers prosecute, they have no idea if the person they're taking to court is guilty, and they don't care -- they want to set an example.

Copyright holders especially cannot be given the power to shut down anyone's internet connection based on their word. They've ruined enough lives through their aggressive legal campaigns, one of which was against a twelve year old girl, and several against people who don't own computers.

Sincerely,

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