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Hi,

The Copyright Alliance and A2IM (the U.S. independent music label trade organization) have informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

We have a situation where an company based in the USA called Technosweat, sell one of our songs called We R1 on their website and on iTunes and other digital outlets http://www.technosweat.com/viart/product_details.php?item_id=245 at 99c a pop. We originally purchased a few copies at different times over the past couple of years to see if we got any royalties or return back to no avail. We then contacted them on numerous occasions asking them to remove it, and had a solicitor contact them. The last contact was about 6 months ago, but the situation is still the same, and we appear to be able to do nothing about, while they make money out of our music and we get nothing in return. This song in particular cost us money and time to write and record, while these people freely live off the money made from it. it seems totaly unfair and we feel at this stage as the little guy, powerless to do anything about it.

We do look forward to the Obama Administration plugging these legal gaps and allowing us little guys at the bottom, who in the digital age have the ability to take on the big record labels if given a level playing field, and create and release higher quality music for the masses, instead or regurgitated 60's pop karaoke sung by the latest male/female untalented bimbo or (c)rapping over little loops of previously popular tracks. (sorry, pet hates, getting off the subject there!)

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Best

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