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Increasing copyright laws in this country is a sure way to hinder more of the freedoms that its citizens enjoy. There are no conclusive studies to show that piracy hurts sales, in fact, many show that the more music one downloads the more he/she will spend on music (whether that be CDs, merchandise, or concert tickets). Furthermore, increasing intellectual copyright laws will only strengthen the grip lobbyists have on new legislation in the United States.

The imminent court cases and arrests as a result of increasing copyright laws will cost the tax payers billions of dollars and will cause a drastic increase of people in our already over-populated jail system. Among those jailed will be college students (the future of productive America) and single moms. The music labels will demand, with new backing from our government, absurd damages of thousands of dollars per song. This is a sure way to drastically increase (and waste) government spending, and to concede to an industry that refuses to update its business model. While the American people are practically screaming for an easier and more affordable method to access their music the music industry is sending lobbyists to D.C. demanding tougher punishments for those who do not conform to their model.

There needs to be a clear message that the industry (or any corporate lobbyists) cannot simply purchase the rights of the American people, no matter how deep their pockets may be. The question here is: Will the government cave in to the music corporations at the expense of their citizens privacy, freedoms, and money? Or will the people-appointed government stand up for its people and stop the absurdity?