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To whom it may concern:

If you want to create jobs, create an atmosphere hospitable to innovation. Here are some steps that would help to foster innovation:

- 1) Rollback the DMCA. Nothing has had more of a chilling effect than anything else, and companies use the DCMA as a tool to drive other companies out of business, which reduces jobs and innovation.
- 2) Get rid of software patents. Software shouldn't be patented, and software patents have the effect of choking out competition, which reduces jobs and innovation.
- 3) Revert Copyright back to a temporary protection. Copyright was never meant to be a permanent thing. It was designed to let innovators get a couple years lead time on competitors not to lock out competition, which reduces jobs and innovation.

The way to prosperity is less IP enforcement, so companies actually have to compete. Intellectual Property should only exist for a temporary time. It should be used to reward innovators and entrepreneurs, not to punish them, and the current system punishes them. The current field is slanted towards the entrenched players who have a vested interest in locking everyone but themselves out of the playing field.

Data and knowledge should be free; they want to be free! Data and knowledge should enrich the world, and they can't enrich the world locked up in a steel box inside a vault buried under sixty tons of concrete. They need to be out in the open where people can study them, apply them, and build on them. We have the world we have today because the knowledge and data of the past was free and open to all.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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