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Ms. Victoria Espinel
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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Piracy of IP is a growing problem as even legitimate business traffic in counterfeit products.

Measures like cutting off Internet access in response to piracy are important first steps. Internet connections are not merely entertainment or luxuries; they provide vital communication links, often including basic phone service. This will get the attention of the pirates.

Further, the anti-circumvention provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act can criminalize users who misuse media. Breaking digital locks on media must be a crime where circumventions are employed for illegitimate purposes.

Sincerely,

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