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Hello,

The internet has brought many new challenges to having an upkeep and regulation of royalties due.

I am a classically trained jazz musician/composer from the African American culture, who prides himself on his hard-won education and development of innovative music, etc.

Without the necessary monitoring in place, It will be increasingly difficult to receive the money needed to continue to create new product. A "different voice" if you will...I am an upstart production and music label. My instrument, the tuba, is not popular enough to get the attention of the major labels, so I produce my own. This is how many of the most recognizable companies have grown from obscurity... good to great!

Anyway, the importance of putting money back into the company is vital to inventor's survival.

With the illegal downloading and other stuff going on this makes it almost impossible for growth.

If you don't receive the appropriate payments for your work, then, whose property is it?

Let's not even talk about global competition.

Warm regards,

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