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I would like to express my contempt for the DMCA. I have worked in the technology industry for six years now, primarily the software industry, and it is my contention that the DMCA will hinder progress in small businesses considerably. Not only does the DMCA favor large corporations' monetary investments as paramount to any other concern, but it precludes many small businesses from developing products which could, under the DMCA, be considered a copyright infringement. These small businesses, such as the companies I have and do work for, will not risk being subject to the crippling costs of litigation and therefore research and development are severely limited.

Having said this, one can see that the personal freedom of not only small companies but museums, libraries, schools, universities, hospitals and individuals is fettered; this legislation cares not for such entities, but only big business. Personal freedom is at the heart of my concern with this legislation, and I believe we are to hold this dearer than the monetary interest of any corporation. Without the personal freedom of such institutions and persons, there can be no progress, no novel ideas save for those promulgated by big business and protected by the DMCA.

In the interest of progress, in the interest of freedom and fair play, I urge you to reconsider the repercussions this legislation has on all but big business.

Sincerely Yours,

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