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Greetings.

My name is Jude Smith. Though I don't represent the department I work for I feel that I should tell you what I do. I work at the Ohio State Library scanning in materials for electronic reserves so that students can use course readings on the web. There are a grand total of 3 people working in this department, one staff and two students. The only way that we can stay legal with the large amount of articles that we must scan is through the fair use rights. We apply copyright warnings and a brief fair use guideline to each file we put up. From what I understand if this proposed law goes through you might very well be closing down my department. We do not as of yet have the manpower to be able to track down copyright for every article. This law would be supressing education and benefits to a huge number of students, not just here but also at many other institutions around the country.

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