I have made my living as a novelist for the last ten years—without legal protection for my copyright, I probably won't be able to do so in the future. The people who want to change copyright laws argue that "art is so important, it should be free." Heck, food's more important than art—why shouldn't food be free? It's because food, like art, takes work to produce, and the people who do that work deserve to be paid for their labor. My copyright is what protects the fruits of my labor from theft—please, continue to protect my copyright, legally, as the government now does.

Sincerely,

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