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Impact on economy comment:

As a supplier of digital intellectual property (digitized embroidery designs), I can attest to the fact that our sales are severely impacted by piracy. Home-produced CDs of copyrighted embroidery designs are offered daily on EBay, many violating our copyrights. It is a constant fight to find these illegal sellers and remove their auctions, but they frequently come back under another name. To prove the copyright violation, the CD must be purchased. The proof of copyright should be on the seller, not on the copyright holder.

Google our company name and you will find several torrent sites illegally offering our designs displayed on the first page of results. Google should not be promoting this illegal activity.

And of course there are those who individually "share" our designs through the internet.

All this has had a severe impact on our sales and our ability to continue our business, a stifling effect not only on the economy but on creativity.