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The constitution gives Congress the right to create copyrights for the specific purpose of promoting "the progress of science and the useful arts." Current copyright law does exactly the opposite, and the current trend is likely to make matters worse.

The success of copyright law should be measured by how much progress there is. Will stronger DMCA-like provisions cause more progress or only more profits? It is not the job of copyright law to increase profits. And, with computers, digital media, and the internet, we see a progress explosion at very low costs. Please create policy that continues to unleash these forces.

DMCA-like restrictions do exactly the opposite. They squash innovation and reward big companies for maintaining the status quo. It's amazing how these companies are in battle with their own audience. These companies, armed with extended copyright holding periods and DMCA have worked hard to squash innovation. Do not help them!

Please formulate policy that reduces restrictions! Do away with DMCA, shorten copyright holding periods, and rely on previous law, such as fair use. It worked well, and it will continue to work well.

Thank you,

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