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Subject: On the off chance this isn't a waste of time for private citizens...
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I found out about this on a tech/tech related site named Arstechnica (<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2010/02/white-house-ip-czar-demands-good-data-from-rightsholders.ars>), but I suspect there is little point in writing to this address given the apparent requirement that you not attempt to weaken any IP laws. I have a video on youtube that plays silent due to a complaint by the rightsholder of some music in the background, I'll say it again... some random background music I *purchased* was complained about, as a private citizen my options are effectively live with it or risk financial ruin by fighting it. There is no sanity in the enforcement of these laws, fight an organization with what amounts to essentially unlimited funds for lawyers and hope you don't get fined hundreds of thousands of dollars like Jamie Thomas or Joel Tenenbaum on the hope that it's deemed fair use and you can convince the court to make the label cover court costs? There are serious crimes with a lesser penalty.

I also find it sad that copyright has marched in one direction (longer and longer) and only one direction. Rightsholders have a long history of going from country to country pointing to how one country has stronger IP laws than the country that should change in some areas while ignoring the weaker aspects. Then they just go back to the original country and complain about how all these other countries have made stronger IP laws and the originally ignored weaker areas need to be brought up to match. Even when it's suggested that term limits should be lowered by officially sanctioned studies like the UK's recent Gowers report (<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/pro-policy/policy-information/policy-issues/policy-issues-gowers/policy-issues-gowersreport.htm>), they are ignored.

It's sad that *nothing* will be entering into the public domain for a few more years thanks to the micky mouse protection act.

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