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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 11:52 PM
To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty
Subject: In regards to a request for comments on the Joint Strategic Plan

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Dear Ms. Espinel:

Thank you for your call for comments. It is a critical time, especially with the ongoing ACTA negotiations. My ask is that you please make sure that plans for protection of intellectual property are in the best interest of our citizens.

My first main concern is that, as Americans, our rights to privacy are slowly being eroded. I would ask you to please make sure that no provisions are made to encourage ISPs to monitor the communications of their users - to do so would be as bad as the warrant-less wiretaps of administrations past. Specifically, I do not believe that internet access should be blocked in response to alleged copyright infringement rather than proven copyright infringement.

My second concerns is that Users should be able to use the digital media they purchase as they see fit, rather than bending to the paranoia of the companies that sell it. DRM is a waste of time, and combating the breaking of DRM is not worth my taxpayer dollars. To this end, do away with the anti-circumvention provisions of the DMCA.

Finally, in this matter please make all of the administration's policies public. Thank you for your work in this matter.

Sincerely,

Solomon Smilack