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*** I am tired of the systematic efforts of the MPAA and RIAA to dismantle and repeal the fair use rights of consumers that have been defined through many years of American copyright jurisprudence. It is time for our policymakers to stop punishing honest consumers for the sins of a few pirates. If the industry wants to stop piracy, it should go after the pirates rather than the public at large. Instead, they are showing that their true motivation is to find ways to make more money from the honest consumers to make up for any losses to piracy. It's not fair and not right, and I call on you to stand up for the consumer and tell the MPAA that if piracy is the problem, then they need to focus their proposals on pirates, not honest consumers. ***

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