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To add to the prepared statement, I think it is unfair to punish people like myself that honor and respect copyrights because some people do not I feel there are better ways to protect both honest citizens and 'hollywood' that don't infringe on established fair use laws

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