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Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

I am an editor and author with Effing Swan Publishing and have been writing for ten years.

Copyright is the basis by which I do business. Infringing on my work is the same as stealing money out of my pocket.

Copyrights are the products that I license and derivative works in the licensing and selling of my works. Only of the only methods of protection for authors and writers is the copyright law, keeping others from plagiarism and infringing upon my work.

Everything I write and publish is part of my business inventory. In the digital age,, inventory is more valuable to authors than ever before.

I work very hard at what I do, and the process of creating a book takes thousands upon thousands of hours and dollars that you would be diminishing by allowing another to make money off of my hard work.

In NO WAY do I welcome someone else to monetize off of my work without my knowledge or consent. How would you feel if you worked your 40-hr week only to have your boss tell you on payday that someone else claimed the work you had done was theirs, and therefore they received your paycheck?

Not. Cool.

Please don't allow this to go through.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Keating