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To whom it may concern,
Copyright laws especially orphaned copy rights need to be fixed. It is known by anyone who stops to think about it that nearly nothing seen as new and innovative is truly a single source creation. Everything's creation is based on what came before. For Copy Right laws to protect the rights of the inventors/creators, all those who contributed to the supporting knowledge, which allowed for this "new" innovation will need to be included in the copy right. This is obviously not going to happen. Since the copy right office cant possibly keep up with the exponentially rising request for copy rights any way, why not make it all open source. It's not fair for one individual in most cases to reap all the benefits of an idea or innovation based on the backs of all those who inadvertently supplied the knowledge for that advancement. Imagine how fast the development of new ideas would move if open source and first to production was the mode of operation. Do you have any idea how competitive we would finally become with china or our other market competitors if open source were the name of the game. Keep in mind that those competitors don't care about our copyright laws any way. Our hands are being tied behind our backs, not by our competitors but by our own antiquated and severely biased (toward the already rich) copyright laws. Try something innovative and fair yourselves for a change.