

Legislation

- After the attacks on Sept 11th, Congress passed a massive anti-terrorism bill known as the USA Act. The RIAA attempted to make an amendment to this act, granting them the right to hack into private computers and delete stolen mp3s, and granting them immunity against any damage they caused to legitimate files. This amendment was never passed.
- The RIAA strongly supports the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which has been used to stifle everything from DVD decoders to toner cartridge replacements. It also prevents consumers from fairly manipulating media they have purchased. It forbids any "technological measure that effectively control access to a work" Under the DMCA, the RIAA can issue subpoenas for copyright infringement without the approval of a judge. This is the basis for most of the current suits against file sharers. Already courts in DC have been flooded with RIAA subpoenas. MIT, Boston University, and Verison are protesting the subpoenas as being illegal.
- Berman (D - CA) and Connors (D - MI) are pioneering a new bill call ACCOPS. Under it, anyone uploading copyrighted material could land in jail for up to five years and/or be fined up to \$250,000. This value bumps the penalty of sharing a single song to a felony, permanently removing the offender's right to vote in all but two states. 'Hollywood' Howard Berman is famous for his support of the entertainment industry, receiving \$222,791 in campaign contributions from entertainment in 2001-2002.
- Under both the DCMA and the ACCOPS you are responsible for files you didn't know you were sharing, or if a hacker uses your computer's address to hide his identity.

"It is wrong to illegally download, but the answer cannot be jail."

-- Michael Jackson

What You Can Do

- Get informed. For the latest updates, visit <http://www.boycott-riaa.com>
- For more information on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, visit <http://anti-dmca.org/>
- Don't buy music from RIAA represented labels. For a full list of labels, got to <http://www.boycott-riaa.com/membership.php>
- Don't share RIAA music files. Boycott-RIAA opposes unfair copyright law and supports artists rights. We do not encourage file sharing.
- Contact your congressmen, explain to them you boycott and the reasons for it. Let the government know this is important to you.
- Buy independent music. It's just as good as big label music, without the publicity. Visit <http://www.dmusic.com/>
<http://www.cdbaby.com>
<http://www.indiecrit.com/>
- Get the word out to others. Flyers, Stickers and T-shirts can all be found at <http://www.boycott-riaa.com>
- If you are an artist, sign with an independent label or produce your music yourself.

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