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To Whom It May Concern:

I will do my best to keep this letter short and sweet. Currently, in the United States, creators have the legal right to protect their music, art, and writing from plagiarism. These rights could vanish in an instant if the Federal Government fails to enact laws that protect the rights of creators from tech giants.

People attend college four to fourteen years to master writing, painting, and music. Many are crippled with student debt, only for want of pursuing their passion. These same individuals now run the risk of have their creations and their dreams stolen by billionaire tech giants who feel they shouldn't have to pay creators, because tracing the source of the works they want to acquire would be, in Mark Zuckerberg's words, "too difficult." If Mr. Zuckerberg feels this way, then perhaps these works ought not be used by him.

Tech giants may conveniently argue that all creative works are stolen remixes, nothing is original, and that no single work has not influenced another. Influence is not plagiarism. While it may be true the creative process is live, see other's works, feel inspiration, recreate with a personal spin, no human artist can recreate another artist's work in a matter of minutes. Artists work decades to master what AI can accomplish in an instant.

I am one of these people. I have spent fourteen years in college and paid \$110,000 for a master's degree in English and creative writing. I am in the process of writing a novel. At the start, AI wasn't an issue. I used services such as Grammarly's punctuation checker the entire fourteen years I was in college. Post graduation, I run the risk of my work being stolen before I publish my first novel.

Corporations have teams of lawyers to write their terms of service. Most people do not read the terms of service for this very reason: it is confusing legal jargon. Most people do not assume corporations want to steal their creative works. I, however, do read the terms of service. Let us examine section 5 of Quillbot's terms of service for their AI grammar checker, which I have copied and pasted below:

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Quillbot suggests they can use a "User's" writing without payment, yet a "User" cannot so much as use Quillbot's logo "... in any other way?" Creators have zero protection, and the corporations have all the protection.

Please stand with the people. Protect is from corporate tech giants. Protect copyright laws. Because if AI breaks all the copyright laws, how will any of us creators survive financially?

Sincerely,

Heather Dooley