

Increasingly, copyright is being used in order to gain a longer protection for a physical items that would normall be protected by a patent. This harms consumer choice, it harms industry, and it harms the public. If we, the public, are being asked to foot the bill for copyright and patent enforcement, then we, the public, should get some benifit for that enforcement. At it stands, the DMCA, under some circumstances like the one before you, tips the balance too far over for the corporate inventer, and away from the public at large. The balance is skewed.

I ask you to bring balance back.

Yours -Ben Johnson