

Dear Sir/Madam

I have genuine concerns that this bill, if it goes through as proposed and becomes law in its current form, will create a plethora of unforeseen problems. I fear that businesses large and small, providing WiFi freely to customers or clients, could potentially be caught up in expensive litigation which would serve to stifle economic activity.

Specifically I'm concerned about the issue of libraries which offer WiFi potentially being dragged into legal shenanigans if a copyright holder claims the library, in offering patrons free WiFi, is aiding or allowing access to copyrighted material.

Issues of copyright infringement and any legal redress should be between the downloader and the copyright holder. In essence what I'm saying is that the messenger, be it a library, coffee shop or railway station, is not aiding nor abetting any act of intellectual property theft and should not have the potential to be held liable for what a 3rd party may do whilst using a free and open WiFi network.

In summary, please do not shoot the messengers nor make them potentially liable to legal action.

Regards

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