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With a world of music available at the click of a computer mouse, many people feel they have the right to download, copy, and share whatever they find online—without paying for it. But under copyright law, the person who creates the music owns the music, and taking it without paying for it is just a high-tech form of theft.

Illegal downloading has become a hot issue in the Internet age, and the question of how best to solve that problem is just as hotly debated. Now read what two congressional representatives say should be done about illegal downloading. Who do you think offers the more effective solution?

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