Sample Body Paragraph

Paper’s Thesis Statement:

Music piracy is becoming a cancer to modern music because it is taking a profit from the artists, undermining the artists’ control, and spreading viruses among the Internet community.

The most pressing reason that music piracy must be regulated is because this unlawful act is taking profits from the artists. To many who download or share music illegally, this seems to be a victimless crime; however, these artists put their lives into their work. When a consumer goes online and downloads a song for free, that is money virtually taken out of the pockets of the artist. Professor James Lux, a Business Law Associate from Brigham Young University, states that over three billion dollars has been taken from recording artists as of 2009 due to websites like Limewire and Napster (Lux Web). Even more disturbing is the decreasing number of people who spend money on albums and concert tickets. Best Buy alone reported a 17% reduction in album sales in 2008 (“CD Volume Plummets” Web). As consumers continue to find alternative, illegal, ways to find their music, the main pitfall comes in the form of profits lost for the creator of the art. Downloaded music is stealing; stealing always has victim.