



The Creators' Copyright Coalition

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Creators Set out Principles for Effective Copyright Reform

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Toronto – June 7, 2011 – On the eve of Parliament's return, a group representing more than 100,000 professional creators has laid out key principles and suggestions to guide the government as it prepares new copyright legislation. The practical ideas being offered will help unleash the full creative and economic potential of Canadian artists, writers, photographers, visual artists, directors, composers, musicians and performers.

"We know that new copyright legislation is a top priority for the government post-election, and that's great news for creators" said Bill Freeman, Chair of The Creators' Copyright Coalition (CCC), which prepared the statement. "We are committed to working with the government to create a new bill that allows creators to contribute as much as we can to our economy."

The CCC has reached out to Heritage Minister James Moore and Industry Minister Christian Paradis and opposition critics with 'guiding principles' paper and an offer to meet and work co-operatively with them as they write new legislation. Principles outlined in the paper include:

- Payment for use of copyright material;
- "Hand-outs" must not replace legal rights;
- Collective rights management is good for both creators and consumers;
- Collective licensing and tariffs, supervised by the Copyright Board, are a better solution than exceptions from copyright infringement;
- Copyright laws must be clear in order to avoid excessive litigation; and
- There must be effective and equitable remedies against content theft.

"Legislation built on these core principles will benefit both creators and users," said Freeman. "The end goal is to get clear laws in place that allow users to access our work while ensuring creators get paid for use so we can continue innovating and contributing to our digital economy."

The complete document and list of proposals can be found at www.creatorscopyright.ca.

About the Creators' Copyright Coalition

The Creators' Copyright Coalition is an alliance of national associations, unions and collectives representing individual artists working primarily in the English language media in Canada. The CCC includes the following organizations:

Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA)
Canadian Actors' Equity Association (Equity)
Canadian Artists Representation (CARFAC)
Canadian Artists Representation Copyright Collective (CARCC)
Canadian Federation of Musicians (CFM)
Canadian Music Centre

Canadian League of Composers
Directors Guild of Canada
League of Canadian Poets
The Literary Translators Association of Canada
Playwrights Guild of Canada
Professional Writers Association of Canada (PWAC)
Screen Composers Guild of Canada (SCGC)
Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC)
Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN)
Writers Guild of Canada (WGC)
The Writers' Union of Canada (TWUC)

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