

Hello. Thank you for taking time to investigate the concerns of Canadians over this bill.

As a self-identified conservative I can appreciate the importance of cultivating an environment in Canada that encourages foreign investment. If any individual industry comes to a regulatory body with concerns over a destructive domestic policy I expect some review process.

Obviously there's always two sides to each story. And you don't need to be lectured about the tendency of companies to pursue government policy that boosts their profit margins at the expense of consumer choice. You crafted this bill because you saw it as a reasonable compromise, and that's just how government works.

All things considered, I strongly oppose this bill. In my opinion it has been drawn up reluctantly by this regulatory body due to external interests with a lot of money and a lot of lawyers. If I had to guess why Canada has been reluctant to implement aggressive intellectual copyright laws I'd say it's because of the complexity of the issue. There's too much gray area, too many variables in this new, electronic frontier. We're dealing with items that have no tangible value, being exchanged in an environment with no physical boundaries.

The primary oversight I think this bill has neglected is the nature of the products in question. You want to create legal boundaries that allow these ethereal products to achieve profitability. But where do we draw the line? China's drawn a line at "nothing", so Windows 7 sold a few hundred copies to a market of billions. America drew the line at "sharing a cherished song" bankrupting honest individuals, claiming absurd, unrealistic damages. Now you want to draw the line at 'misuse of product'. A reasonable middle ground I'm sure, right?

I do not feel it is reasonable. And many Canadians share the same opinion. To make criminals of people who have already padded the pockets of their accusers should require a serious crisis. Something like the collapse of the Vancouver filming and gaming industry, the impoverishment of popular Canadian songwriters who would otherwise be affluent. But we don't have that do we? We have very uncreative men and their beneficiaries claiming to be earning less than they are entitled to. They were born into an industry with control and purpose, and now some of them have struggled with their new-found irrelevance. They portray every failed venture as being the fault of the consumer, which would be regarded as a farce in any traditional market.

Doubtless, your members have examined the facts, but I honestly think you may have missed a key factor here. The Canadian public. There younger Canadian generations have no desire to deal with the expectations of those who grew up in a different reality. None of us feel any remorse when we watch a movie we purchased in a different format. The creators treat this behavior as a metaphorical intrusion on a private performance, but who's

to say it is? Their rules are just that: Rules. Times have changed, and the interested industries need to adapt, especially when they already achieve such profitability.

There is no need for intervention by the government. Younger Citizens will never believe they are in the wrong when they bypass arbitrary restrictions on their purchased product. This is not a traditional medium we are dealing with, and it needs to stop being addressed as such. Destroying the finances of our youth for the sake of a wealthy few is ludicrous given the circumstances. I know they have their reasons, but they simply are not good enough reasons. They are a modern-day horse trader, crying foul over the introduction of the car. Ignoring their concerns will not stifle creativity in Canada. It will not bankrupt these industries, it will only hurt their margins, but what business is it of theirs to tell us what their margins should be?

Maybe Brand 'X' will pull out of Canada in an angry huff should we ignore their pleas. But why mourn their loss when our fertile soil will sprout new innovations in spite of them? Trust me, we're doing fine. Don't punish us for mischievously modifying binary code.