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As a Canadian citizen, I remain opposed to Bill C-32, the "Copyright Modernization Act". I see it as holding Canada back in the past, when the future trends point to more sharing. If we intend this country to succeed, we cannot rely on just our natural resources. Our human resources need to flourish as well.

My top four requirements for any copyright reform are:

1. Canadian law (by and for Canadians) should almost never refer to, or depend on, external bodies.
2. Reduce copyright term to five years (or death/dissolution if that occurs first), without extensions. (Note: five years only, not life + five)
3. Digital locks must not override consumer rights outlined elsewhere in the bill or law.
4. Copyright should be non-transferable, automatically adhering to the author(s)/performer(s) of the work, not publisher(s)/distributor(s).

This still encourages creators to create, and customers to buy. But it ends the artificially-supported copyright industry, which is holding Canada back. It ensures that Canada's voice, via our content that is older than a few years, can be received and have an influence around the world. It ensures that efforts to police copyright are focused where the greatest potential for lost revenues are already. And it restores Canada's cultural memory to all of us.

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