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Subject: Bill C-11

Hello Michelle,

I am asking you to vote against the Copyright Modernization Act, Bill C-11, on the behalf of all Canadians and especially your constituents.

This bill does little to address the funding gaps for artists and writers, and does much to limit the development and use of the internet. Internet law expert Michael Geist writes that "taken together, the proposals would require Internet providers to block access to foreign sites, take down content without court oversight, and disclose subscriber information without a warrant." This is a law that has been written to protect old industries from a new way of working. It reminds me of the British law that required working men to wear knitted caps to keep the knitters employed. It does not acknowledge the rapidly changing ways that we communicate and share information, music, writing, art, science, and film. In addition, it will have a devastating impact on creators and publishers to make a living, by removing educational institutions from copyright payments.

This is a draconian law that does nothing to protect creators and yet also hobbles the creative commons. It appears to provide protection for large corporations, but no-one else. I agree that we should have copyright legislation. I am a creator living in your riding, and I receive royalty cheques, so I know how important copyright is, but this bill will do nothing to help me or my colleagues. This bill needs to be seriously re-thought.

I ask you to protect Canadians from needless prosecution, provide fair income to creators, and allow the internet to grow and change, by voting against this bill.

Sincerely,

C. Dana Bush