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**Subject:** Bill C-11

Greetings,

I'm writing in response to recent lobbying attempts to have "education" removed as a purpose for fair dealing from bill C-11 currently before parliamentary committee. The addition of education as a purpose for fair dealing is an important clarification of the existing legislation and is of value to Canadians and should not be removed from the proposed legislation. When taken as part of the six-fold test outlined by the Supreme Court of Canada it brings an important and helpful balance to copyright legislation in respect to educational settings. As someone who has worked for over a decade in an educational setting I can assure you that educators are not viewing this proposed legislation as potential permission to make unlimited copies of any and all works to the harm of copyright holders. It is seen as an important balancing of copyright that will benefit students, researchers, and educators – and by extension all Canadians who benefit from their work – by clarifying their rights as users of information and stimulating the sharing of ideas, which lies at the heart of a good education.

If bill C-11 passes with education as a purpose for fair dealing libraries will still purchase books, journals, and other published material. Educators will still assign textbooks and other required published materials that students will purchase. I don't see any substantive threat to the revenue stream of copyright holders under bill C-11, and so would encourage you to ensure that the legislation clarifies that education is indeed fair dealing.

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