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Dear Coalition:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 6, 2006, co-addressed to the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry, regarding copyright reform in Canada. I appreciate your advising me of your views and have carefully noted your comments with respect to this matter.

Please be assured that the Government of Canada is aware of the sensitive nature of the issue of access of all users, including creators, to copyright material. I will be working with Mr. Bernier on new copyright legislation for Canada. Issues on copyright reform are complex and the Government is presently considering the concerns of all Canadians as it moves forward with copyright reform.

The Government is committed to ensuring that copyright promotes both the creation and dissemination of cultural and other works. The cultural policy objective of the *Copyright Act* is to ensure adequate protection for creators and cultural content as well as appropriate access for all Canadians to cultural works.

Governmental officials will continue to monitor developments around the world as they plan the next steps that Canada will take on this matter. The Government wants to ensure that the rights of Canadian creators are adequately protected by law, and that these rights are balanced with the ability of the public to access and make use of these works.

Your interest in copyright reform is appreciated. Updates and further information on the ongoing copyright reform process are available on the Department of Canadian Heritage Web site at http://www.pch.gc.ca/progs/ac-ca/progs/pda-cpb/index_e.cfm.

I trust that this information is useful. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bev Oda'.

Bev Oda, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Maxime Bernier, P.C., M.P.