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CreativeFuture Applauds the House of Representatives for Passing the CASE Act

This important Bill, which will give creatives the opportunity to better protect their livelihoods, passed the House by a vote of 410 – 6.

Los Angeles, CA – Last week, the House of Representatives passed the “Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019,” otherwise known as the CASE Act. The Bill would create a small claims tribunal within the Copyright Office – providing creatives with a new tool to protect their livelihoods.

In a statement, CreativeFuture CEO Ruth Vitale said, “We are delighted that the CASE Act passed the U.S. House with such overwhelming, bipartisan support. Creatives across the country currently find themselves without a proper legal recourse to protect their work. Federal Court, the only existing venue where copyright claims are heard, is often far too expensive to be a legitimate option for most creatives.

“The CASE Act will help filmmakers, photographers, writers, musicians, and others have their day in court when their works are stolen. Today’s vote proves the unwavering bipartisan support for this Bill and policymakers’ ability to see through the smokescreens set by the opposition.

“We would like to particularly thank Representatives Jeffries, Collins, Nadler, Roby, Johnson, Cline, Chu, Lieu, and Fitzpatrick for championing this Bill in the House. We look forward to a Senate vote and its implementation once signed into law.”

A copy of the Bill can be found here.

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CreativeFuture is a nonprofit coalition of more than 550 companies and organizations and more than 220,000 individuals – from film, television, music, book publishing, photography, and other creative industries. We’re mobilizing our members to speak up about the value of creativity, the importance of copyright in protecting creativity, and the massive harm caused by the global theft of our creative works. Millions of creatives and thousands of businesses around the world depend on copyright to bring all of us countless moments of inspiration, learning, and joy. Our mission is to advocate for strong but appropriate copyright protections and to empower creatives to speak out against piracy and how it affects their ability to create and to make a living. To learn more, visit www.creativefuture.org.