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CreativeFuture Applauds the Congressional Letter to the American Law Institute

The letter, signed by five members of Congress, expresses concern over the ALI’s proposed Copyright Law Restatement

Los Angeles, CA – On December 3, 2019, Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Representatives Ben Cline (R-VA), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Martha Roby (R-AL), and Harley Rouda (D-CA) sent a letter to the American Law Institute (ALI) expressing concern over the group’s proposed Restatement on Copyright Law.

The letter explains, “Throughout its almost 100 years of existence, the ALI has never chosen to draft a Restatement of an area of the law that is almost exclusively federal statutory law – until now. We are deeply concerned by the ALI’s current Copyright Restatement Project.”

In a statement, CreativeFuture CEO Ruth Vitale said, “The ALI’s proposed Restatement would provide a re-imagined interpretation of the copyright law from the biased viewpoint of those who have been unsuccessful lobbying Congress to weaken the law for years. The result threatens to be a Restatement that would dramatically upend the policy choices and compromises codified by Congress in the Copyright Act – an Act which allows millions of people in the creative communities to make a living.”

A copy of the letter can be found here.

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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.