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The Honourable Tony Clement
Minister of Industry
Government of Canada
Ottawa, ON
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The Honourable James Moore
Minister of Canadian Heritage
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Dear Ministers;

As strong supporters of the principle of efficient and effective copyright laws that will be the underpinning of a digital society based on intellectual property and which will contribute greatly to Canada's prosperity in the 21st Century, the undersigned organizations are strongly supportive of the position of the Canadian Private Copying Collective with regards to compensation to songwriters, music publishers, artists and record labels for use of their works. The issue that is of major concern is that of a levy on Digital Audio Recording devices (DAR) such as MP3 players.

We agree with the CPCC that the exclusion of compensation to creators for the copying of sound recordings onto these devices as proposed in Bill C-32 is unjustifiable.

Given the reality of technology and usage in the modern world, a *Copyright Act* that effectively says that our creative work is valueless in this process is unacceptable.

We concur completely with the arguments and concerns expressed by the CPCC and are totally supportive of their representatives and lobbying in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

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Association québécoise de l'industrie du disque, du spectacle et de la vidéo
Canadian Actors' Equity Association
Canadian Artists' Representation
Canadian Conference of the Arts
Canadian Federation of Musicians
Canadian Independent Music Association
Canadian Music Publishers Association
Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency
Musicians' Rights Organization Canada
Professional Music Publishers Association

Quebec Collective Society for the Rights of Makers of Sound and Video Recordings
Regroupement des associations d'artistes en arts visuels du Québec
Société professionnelle des auteurs et des compositeurs du Québec
Society for Reproduction Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers in Canada
Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada
The Writer's Union of Canada
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