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To: Rajotte, James - M.P.

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Subject: Bill C-11 - Revisions to the Copyright Act

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Rajotte:

I am one of your constituents. I have many roles, including that of author, education advocate and speaker. My first book, detailing the journey of advocacy for our son affected by learning disabilities, medical issues and other challenges, was released in February 2011. I am proud that it has become a non-fiction best seller in limited release. I am presently working on a second book that provides guidance to both teachers and parents on how to identify and manage conflict that might emerge from special education issues. I work hard. My latest book will be the culmination of extensive research, research which I have undertaken at my own cost. Book sales comprise an important component of my livelihood. I fear that my livelihood will be impacted by passage of Bill C-11 in its present form.

Like many authors, I support modernizing the Copyright Act. It is past time to do so. But, I would respectfully suggest that the proposals regarding the extension of "fair dealing" to "education" may result in the devastating loss of the education market. It will also profoundly affect my ability to create, market my work and make a living.

I am asking that you support amendments to Bill C-11 so that my rights to my intellectual property are not jeopardized. Specifically, as my representative in the House of Commons, I wish to encourage you to support amendments to Bill C-11 that make "harm to the market" the major criterion for determining whether a use will be deemed "fair dealing." I would also be grateful to know the extent of due diligence employed by the Government of Canada in assessing the potential impact of Bill C-11 on the following: 1) Canadian writing, 2) the publishing industry, and 3) access to Canadian content. Should there be written documentation to that effect, I would like to receive copies of such studies and/or a link to where this material might be accessed.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burke