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Subject: Bill C-11: An Act to Amend the Copyright Act

March 5, 2012

To: The Honorable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage

As you know Bill C-11, "An Act to Amend The Copyright Act" is now before a Legislative Committee of Parliament.

It is my understanding that this legislation contains more than 30 new exceptions that affect copyright holders, in particular writers such as myself. Many of these exceptions take away or reduce my ability to control my work and to be fairly compensated for it.

One of the most troubling of these exceptions is the extension of uncompensated use in educational settings. For Canadian writers and Canadian publishers this will be devastating. At a time when it is more important than ever that Canadian literature and Canadian history be taught in Canadian classrooms, this act will seriously harm the market for writers, illustrators and for publishers. Doubtless, with these exceptions in place, our educational book market will be flooded with American material.

Several Universities, including Memorial here in Newfoundland and Labrador, have already announced that they will no longer subscribe to Access Copyright. These institutions refused to meet with Access Copyright's Board to explore options.

For many Canadian writers fees from Access Copyright represent a significant part of our income – money that gave us the ability to keep on writing – money paid for work we have produced and work which is still being consumed.

I ask that you amend the present act so that fair dealing for creators of our books and art is the prime factor in Bill C-11.

I look forward to your reply,

Bernice Morgan