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To: ~Legislative Committee Bill C-11/Comité législatif loi C-11

Subject: Deeply concerned about the industry demands being made on Bill C-11

My name is Alex Cameron and as a Canadian citizen I'm writing you over my concerns with the current amendments being proposed by some associations such as the Canadian Music Publishers Association, Canadian Independent Music Association and other such groups. For Canada to flourish in this era we need a open internet without innovation stifling laws like website blocking and removal of due process. The CMIA's enabler provisions go too far, the removal of protections for user generated content, parody, and satire, unlimited statutory damage awards and a content takedown system with no court oversight will make Canada a hostile environment for technology companies. It will cause a decline in one of the fastest growing sectors of business to protect an industry that does not want to change due to market pressures. Most importantly is that due process remains a part of any legislation, we need court oversight before anyone can take actions against reported damages otherwise it builds a culture of "guilt until proven innocent" which will most likely lead to abuse of this power to get rid of new competitors.

I have not read a single provision put forth by these groups that will actually benefit Canada, it will not benefit our economy nor the content producers these groups purport to represent. It might benefit rights holders for a short while but it will have no affect on piracy and a large effect on investments in the technology sector in Canada. Please be sensible and reject these proposed ammendments. Do it to make a Canada that fosters innovation, upholds consumer rights and maintains a free and open internet.

Thank you,
Alex Cameron