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Subject: Bill C11

Hi John.

Another instalment on Bill C11....

Bill C11, on copyright, has gone to committee with the objectional provision for educational use without compensation to authors still in the bill. This constitutes, as you know, property theft, and I'm surprised this exception to respecting author's copyright hadn't been removed by this time, especially by a Conservative government.

I'm bemused by universities and school systems with huge budgets, their administrators with often extraordinary compensation packages, and professors and high school teachers with significant salaries, tenure and benefits, pleading for free use of authors' property, when most authors in Canada are fighting in tough markets just to make a liveable income. Even if that weren't the case, though – even if we writers were all millionaires like hockey players, say - the uncompensated appropriation of other people's property is simply wrong.

Anything you can do to get the minister and committee to see the light on this will be appreciated.

Regards,

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