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

Subject: Bill C11

Dear Members of Parliament,

In my opinion, Bill C11 is one of the worst proposals to be tabled during the Conservative Party's time in power. Don't get me wrong, I'm not a radical leftist who never votes Conservative anyways. I voted Conservative in the last election and am very happy that you guys came through on your promise to get rid of the long gun registry. However, I have allowed my Conservative Party membership to lapse precisely due to bills such as C11, which reek of crony capitalism. The content creators themselves (musicians and song writers, etc) have NOT been harmed by new technology. However, the old middle men (the big record labels and industry organizations) have seen their power significantly eroded. In the new flattened hierarchy, they are unnecessary. They are becoming obsolete, like film-based cameras and typewriter repairmen. It's the way of the world: old business models die and new opportunities arise. Musicians and consumers get by perfectly well without them. The middle men are sticking their unwelcome nose into the amazingly close relationship that fans now have with musicians. They are dinosaurs and will die out with or without Bill C11. This bill will simply prolong their death throes.

I know many conservative people, myself included, (whether party members or not) who have vocally defended your party's policies especially when it comes to gun control or taxation. However, we are now in agreement with our centrist and left-wing acquaintances that your party is backing the wrong horse. If you don't change course on this issue, you will find that many of your grassroots supporters, especially the young conservatives such as myself, will sit out the next election as there will no longer be a liberty-minded political party in Canada.

Sincerely,

Jake Tauriainen