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Thank you for your letter regarding C-11. I always appreciate hearing from constituents on the issues that matter to you.

Our Government has pledged to introduce, and seek swift passage of copyright legislation that balances the needs of creators and users. This legislation will protect and create jobs, promote innovation and attract new investment to Canada. This legislation will be based on common sense. It will make Canada's copyright laws stronger and in line with international standards.

We have taken a strong approach towards technological protection measures (TPMs), otherwise known as digital locks. There are some business models that rely on digital locks to protect their investments and these industries need to have the protection of the law. However, in other markets, in light of consumer demands, some businesses have chosen not to use TPMs. Creators may decide whether or not to use a TPM and a consumer can then decide whether or not to buy the product. If a digital lock is broken for personal use, it is not realistic that the creator would choose to file a law suit against the consumer, due to legal fees and time involved.

Although there is a concern amongst Canadians that digital locks may become the norm for digital media, the industry has shown otherwise. The music industry has, in fact, moved away from digital locks, for the purpose of providing the best service to consumers.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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