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Ms. Kathy Gallagher Ross
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Dear Ms. Gallagher Ross:

Thank you for your letter, also addressed to my colleague, the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage, conveying the views of the Toronto Public Library Board with respect to Bill C-61, *An Act to amend the Copyright Act*, which was introduced into Parliament on June 12, 2008. I regret the delay in replying to you.

I appreciate that access to knowledge is in the public interest and is critical for libraries in Canada. The *Copyright Act* must continue to reflect current technological and legal realities, while supporting research and education in Canada. As you are aware, Bill C-61 died on the Order Paper with the dissolution of Parliament on September 7, 2008. At this time, I am carefully reviewing the copyright bill tabled during the last Parliament, taking into consideration the views of stakeholders, in order to determine the appropriate next steps in the reform process. In this regard, I am working closely with Minister Moore.

Rest assured that the views of the Toronto Public Library Board and the Canadian Library Association will be taken into consideration as we move forward on copyright reform. Once again, thank you for writing and please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Clement

c.c. The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

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