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November 24, 2004

VIA FAX

The Hon. Bill Graham, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Defense
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

On November 12, 2004, Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, wrote to you regarding amendments to the Canadian Copyright Act of 1998. This is in addition to Ms. Mason's letter of May 17, 2004 also outlining our concerns should legislation be passed that potentially unreasonably limits public access to copyrighted content and shrinks the public domain through extending copyright protection.

It is our understanding that a memorandum to Cabinet will be going forward before the December break seeking authorization to proceed with drafting changes to the Copyright legislation. Given this timeframe, Gillian Mason and I **would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest opportunity** to outline the Library's grave concerns should the Act be amended without contemplating its dire consequences and profound implications on literacy, learning, education and research in Canada.

Thank you for giving this matter your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Josephine Bryant
City Librarian

c: Gillian Mason, Chair
Toronto Public Library Board