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Dear Ms. Gallagher Ross:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 4, 2008, co-addressed to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, expressing the views of the Toronto Public Library Board regarding copyright reform in Canada, including former Bill C-61, *An Act to amend the Copyright Act*, and enclosing a copy of a Canadian Library Association document entitled *Unlocking the Public Interest*.

I appreciate being advised of the views of the Toronto Public Library Board and have noted your comments. The Government of Canada is committed to modernizing Canada's copyright laws and ensuring stronger protection for intellectual property. As indicated in the Speech from the Throne delivered on November 19, 2008, the Government "will proceed with legislation to modernize Canada's copyright laws and ensure stronger protection for intellectual property." I am working closely with Mr. Clement to determine a course of action for implementing the Government's commitment to copyright reform.

In this rapidly evolving digital environment, the Government would like to ensure that the rights of Canadian creators are adequately protected by law and that these rights are balanced with the ability of the public to legitimately access works. Your interest in copyright reform is appreciated.

I trust that this information is useful. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

c.c.: The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.

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