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Dear Sirs,

The Canadian Library Association acknowledges receipt of your August 9 reply to our letter of July 28. We acknowledge as well the suspension of the Captain Copyright website.

As our initial letter stated, CLA believes that any copyright advocacy initiative intended to be used directly by children or in the classroom by teachers should be developed, if required, by the institutions which represent the education and library communities.

We remain unconvinced of the appropriateness of your linking policy. While your goal of protecting children is admirable, CLA’s long-standing position is that determining what is appropriate content for children should be a task left to parents and educators, in an open and frank discussion with children.

We decline your invitation to participate in Captain Copyright because CLA believes that the education community is better positioned to assure solid educational principles and the required content rigour are adhered to.

CLA recognizes Access Copyright has the right to present its views on copyright publicly. We urge Access Copyright to present those views in a transparent manner that encourages public debate on their merits.

Yours sincerely,

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