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The Hon. Joe Oliver, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Finance  
90 Elgin  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0G5

Dear Minister Oliver:

The Canadian Library Association (CLA) is very pleased with the recent Federal Budget announcement to become the first G7 country to sign the Marrakesh Treaty to help Canadians with perceptual disabilities and blindness have access to books and other print materials. The CLA is concerned however with the proposed amendments to the Copyright Act so that the term of protection of performances and sound recordings is extended from 50 years to 70 years following the date of the release of the sound recordings.

Enclosed, you will find the official statement released by CLA in response to the Federal Budget 2015.

CLA hopes the federal government will allow for proper consultation prior to implementing amendments to the Copyright Act which may restrict access to sound recordings and performance materials for Canadians.

Should you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (613) 232-9625 x306 or [vmckay@cla.ca](mailto:vmckay@cla.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Valoree McKay'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valoree McKay, CAE  
Executive Director

Cc: The Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry