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Ms. Valorec McKay, CAE
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Dear Ms. McKay:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, 2014, regarding copyright reform. Copies of your letter were also forwarded to me by the offices of the Prime Minister and the Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance.

I appreciate the Canadian Library Association's (CLA's) words of support in relation to the reforms in the *Copyright Modernization Act*, most of which have been in force for two years now. Our government was certainly mindful of the need to strike a proper balance between the interests of rights holders and users as it developed measures to address a range of complex issues.

I have noted the CLA's views on fair dealing reform, both its support for the education amendment as part of the 2012 reforms and its interest in seeing further changes to extend the scope of the fair dealing exception. I have also noted the CLA's interest in seeing further amendments for the benefit of persons with perceptual disabilities and its concerns with the new protections of technological protection measures.

As you mentioned in your letter, the *Copyright Act* now includes a requirement that Parliament review the Act every five years to ensure that it remains responsive to a changing environment. The next review of the *Copyright Act*, expected in 2017, presents an opportunity to consider the need for further copyright reforms.

I look forward to our continued dialogue on this important topic. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Moore'.

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

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