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### VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

December 10, 2019

Dr. Carla D. Hayden  
Librarian of Congress  
The Library of Congress  
101 Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20540

Dear Dr. Hayden,

We write to express our strong recommendation that you promptly appoint the next permanent Register of Copyrights and Director of the United States Copyright Office. We are grateful to Karyn Temple for her dedication and leadership during her time as Acting Register and Register. She worked tirelessly to ensure the Copyright Office met the needs of the entire copyright community, and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Promptly naming a new permanent Register will ensure continuity and confidence in the Copyright Office at an important time. As you know, the Copyright Office is in the process of substantially modernizing its legacy information technology systems. We appreciate your commitment to prioritizing this effort and believe a permanent Register is needed to ensure that it sufficiently meets the needs of the copyright community. Additionally, the Copyright Office is currently working to implement the *Music Modernization Act* and subsequent rulemaking required by that legislation.

Please know that we stand ready and willing to work with you to ensure that the Library and Copyright Office have all of the resources and support they need at this important time. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact either Brad Watts with Chairman Tillis at [brad\\_watts@tillis.senate.gov](mailto:brad_watts@tillis.senate.gov) or Erica Songer with Ranking Member Coons at [erica\\_songer@judiciary-dem.senate.gov](mailto:erica_songer@judiciary-dem.senate.gov). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Thom Tillis  
Chairman

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons  
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