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Members of the Bills Committee
on Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2006
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2006

We would like to offer our views on some of the Committee Stage Amendments proposed by the Administration to the above.

We are delighted that the Administration has agreed to take down the 'time-shifting' exception to the anti-circumvention criminal provision. However, the refusal to de-link anti-circumvention liability and copyright infringement remains a concern. In this regard, we would like to draw Honourable Members' attention to the detailed submissions dated 17 July 2006 jointly made by the television, film, music and publishing industries. The joint submissions set out why it is inappropriate to put copyright infringement as a sine qua non of establishing anti-circumvention liability, and the harms that such linkage will cause to the creative industries.

We should be most grateful if Honourable Members would re-consider our request to give technological measures independent protection.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
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