

June 6, 2000

The Honorable Sin Chung-kai  
Chairman  
Bills Committee on Intellectual Property  
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000  
Legislative Council  
Hong Kong, S.A.R., P.R.C

Dear Chairman Sin:

The undersigned industries, all members of the Hong Kong Copyright Alliance, are committed to improving the environment for the development of the copyright-based industries in Hong Kong. These industries represent the core of Hong Kong's creative and IT industries, and their survival and growth are key to Hong Kong's own economic development.

We were pleased and encouraged to see the formation of the Bills Committee for the Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000. As you know, the copyright-based industries represented by the Hong Kong Copyright Alliance strongly support the passage of this piece of legislation before the Legislative Council recesses later this month. This Bill would be instrumental in helping to stop the rampant piracy of motion pictures, sound recordings and software in Hong Kong. Its prompt passage is of critical importance to the creative community in Hong Kong.

We thank you, the Bills Committee, the Legislative Council and the Government for taking steps to overcome the devastating problem of piracy in Hong Kong, and for your work to promote Hong Kong as the hub for the copyright-based industries in Asia.

Sincerely,

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