



July 13, 2016

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
United States House of Representatives
1607 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Marino
United States House of Representatives
410 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressmen Jeffries and Marino,

On behalf of our 2,000 member newspapers, we write to thank you for introducing the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act of 2016. We are pleased to see this common sense legislation that would create a small claims court for copyright matters, and would aid individual creators and small businesses in the enforcement of their copyrighted works.

This legislation will be particularly helpful for many of those individual creators and small businesses who face copyright issues, yet find federal litigation to be out of reach. The hard work of individuals who create content can be put in jeopardy, and many times they are left without a remedy. We applaud your efforts to protect these meaningful copyrights and for your continued support of creators who lack the resources to make use of the federal courts for means of copyright enforcement.

Again, we want to thank you for your leadership on this very important issue that continues to affect our members and the news media industry. We look forward to working with you and other policymakers towards passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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