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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers,
Local, Provincial and Federated Associations

From: Pamela Foster, Director of Research and Political Action

Re: **Action on copyright**

I am writing to ask you to participate in the upcoming hearings of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology as part of its statutory review of the *Copyright Act*. The Committee will be travelling May 7-11 to Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

The Committee will make its final decision to invite witnesses this week, so it is important to get your request in today or tomorrow morning at the latest.

Copyright law regulates an essential part of academic life - the creation, ownership and use of literary and artistic works. CAUT and other educators worked hard to make sure the changes made to the law in 2012 helped protect both the creators and users of material and allow ready access to learning and research content. We need to defend fair dealing for its importance to research and education.

Any witness invited would make a 5 minute statement as part of a 15 or 20 minute panel with 2 or 3 other witnesses. This would then be followed by a 90 minute Q&A to all witnesses. The Committee has also announced there would be an open mic session in the evening, but we do not have the details about this segment.

If your association is interested and able to take part, this may be of particular interest to librarian members; you will need to send a request to appear as a witness directly to the Committee (indu@parl.gc.ca) with your justification.

Please note that CAUT testified before the Committee in April to advocate for fair copyright and we will support you in making your request to appear and with your appearance if needed.

Below, please find the release from the Committee about the hearings.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

NEWS RELEASE

STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE *COPYRIGHT ACT*: STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO TRAVEL ACROSS CANADA

Ottawa, April 25, 2018 -

The Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology will hold formal hearings and public, open-mic sessions for the statutory review of the *Copyright Act* in cities across Canada from May 7 to 11, 2018.

The Committee invites individuals and organizations from all industries and sectors, experts and non experts alike, to participate to these events.

The specific format of the hearings and open-mic sessions, and their specific locations, remain to be determined. Further details will be released at a later date.

Requests to appear at formal hearings in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver may be directed to the Committee by email (indu@parl.gc.ca). Please note that, due to the volume of requests that the Committee expects to receive, the Committee cannot guarantee that every individual or organization requesting to appear will be accommodated.

The **open-mic sessions** will take place in the evenings. These sessions will be primarily dedicated to individuals speaking in their own capacity.

Committee's Travel Schedule

Monday, May 7	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Tuesday, May 8	Montreal, Quebec
Wednesday, May 9	Toronto, Ontario
Thursday, May 10	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Friday, May 11	Vancouver, British Columbia

The Committee reminds Canadians that any person may **submit a brief**. To be accepted, the brief must not exceed 2,000 words. Briefs may be submitted to the Committee by email (indu@parl.gc.ca), or by using the appropriate [button](#) on the [Committee's website](#) (parl.gc.ca/indu).

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