



Internet Association

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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
U.S. House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member
U.S. House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Goodlatte & Ranking Member Conyers:

On behalf of its member companies, the Internet Association would like to invite you to visit Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay area as a part of the House Judiciary Committee's copyright review listening tour. As you are aware, this is home to the leading Internet companies—the global leaders of legal content distribution and content creation.

Internet platforms have provided new channels for creators to distribute original content reaching more consumers, launching independent artists and authors, and changing the face of the creative ecosystem. Innovation in content and distribution has created more choice in the last 10 years, than the previous 60 combined. Internet platforms provide an increasingly rich spectrum of distribution models for original programming, which results in new opportunities for writers, directors, music makers, and others involved in the creation of content.

In this new world, Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay area are just as much at the center of copyright as Nashville and Hollywood have been for decades. Representing the world's leading Internet companies, the Internet Association would like to host your copyright review listening tour at the date of your choosing.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Michael Beckerman