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Hon. Lamar S. Smith  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of the Association of American Publishers, thank you for your leadership in introducing the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and moving promptly to a full committee markup. SOPA is an essential step to more effective containment of widespread online piracy of American intellectual property. The book and journal publishing industry is plagued by many sites that knowingly traffic in infringing materials from outside the country. Our member companies have invested millions of dollars to protect and enforce their rights, but your legislation is needed to ensure collaboration among all parties who together have roles to play in combating online piracy and preserving one of America's important competitive advantages in the global economy.

Your leadership is much appreciated by the book and journal publishing companies, their employees and the related companies and individuals who derive their livelihood from publishing activities.

We look forward to working with you, your Committee and staff, as SOPA moves forward.

*Many Thanks!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas H. Allen  
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