



Brian Napack

President

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Representative Lamar Smith
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith,

On behalf of Macmillan, thank you for your courageous leadership on the critical issue of IP theft. In particular, we want to thank you for the introduction and advancement of the Stop Online Piracy Act.

As you know, we view SOPA as a critical step in the battle against intellectual property theft. This battle must start with rogue websites. Rogue websites are the worst-of-the-worst offenders. SOPA will make it harder for people to find rogue websites, and it will make it harder for the sites to make money. Without customers and without money, this illegitimate growth industry will begin to wither.

American publishing provides many thousands of good jobs across the United States in the form of authors, illustrators, publishers, booksellers, and printers. American publishing also contributes mightily to the national trust fund that is the intellectual property of our people. Rogue sites pose a mortal threat to these jobs, to the economy, and to our standing in the world.

Once again, thank you for the actions you have taken to date, and for the resolve that you are showing in bringing this critical piece of legislation to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Napack', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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