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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Conyers:

I am writing on behalf of Minor League Baseball ("MiLB") to express our strong support of H.R. 3261, the "Stop Online Piracy Act." MiLB is comprised of 206 clubs operating professional baseball franchises in 17 leagues in the United States, Canada and Mexico at the AAA, AA, A and rookie levels.

As you are aware, so-called rogue websites, including foreign based websites that pirate television broadcasts, have grown increasingly sophisticated in both appearance and operation, doing their best to mimic legitimate content delivery sites and deceive customers into believing that they are legitimate. These sites also facilitate the sale of counterfeit merchandise which violates the copyrights of our clubs and leagues. We thank you for the priority you have placed on protecting copyright works



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and we look forward to seeing this important legislation enacted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Brand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stanley M. Brand
Vice-President, Minor League Baseball

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