

The Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus

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STOP GLOBAL PIRACY OF U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY *Join the Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus*

Dear Colleague:

America is the world's largest creator, producer and exporter of copyrighted materials. Unfortunately, this vibrant sector of the U.S. economy continues to be at great risk due to widespread piracy – the unauthorized reproduction, distribution and sale of U.S.-made movies, music, videogames and other creative works. Seventy Members of the House and Senate, with a strong interest in protecting American intellectual property and reducing the scourge of piracy abroad, have joined to form the **Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus** – a caucus dedicated to working with our international trade partners to secure the enactment of strong copyright laws and the vigilant enforcement of those laws.

Recent industry estimates point to piracy rates hovering near 70%-90% in some countries, with annual losses to copyright industries in the billions. If our creative industries are to flourish – and if we are to defend the rights of creators and distributors to protect and be compensated for their works – they need our help. Our bipartisan and bicameral caucus works to support congressional efforts to deal with the problem of piracy and Administration efforts to obtain strong intellectual property protections in the context of international trade agreements. The following are examples of the work of the **Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus**:

- Briefings for Congressional delegations traveling to countries with significant piracy problems.
- Staff and member briefings and forums on international intellectual property protection and piracy.
- Working closely with the committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate on related hearings and legislation.

For more information or to join the Caucus, please contact Jonathan Meyer of Senator Biden's office at 4-6819, Wally Hsueh or Keith Murphy of Senator Smith's office at 4-3753, Shelley Husband of Representative Goodlatte's office at 5-5431, or Phil Tahtakran of Representative Schiff's office at 5-4176.

Sincerely,

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