Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor and support, the CASE Act (S. 1273/H. 2426), a bill that would create a copyright small claims court for professional creators and small businesses like me.

I am among the millions of creators who rely on copyright law to sustain our livelihoods and protect our creativity, labor, and investment in the creation and distribution of new creative works.

The CASE Act is crucial not just to me but to all of America’s photographers, illustrators, authors, songwriters and other creators and small businesses that own copyrighted works. For most of us, protecting our rights is out of reach. Currently, federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction for copyright claims and federal litigation is expensive. The fact is that most creators simply can’t afford it. In effect, the U.S. copyright system provides us with rights but no remedies.

A Copyright Small Claims Court as proposed in the CASE Act would address this problem by providing professional creators and small businesses with an easy and streamlined process that is 100% voluntary and affordable to the “little guy.” It would cap damages at 10% of what a creator could get by bringing a case in federal court and includes numerous safeguards to prevent abuse and ensure fairness and due process.

As long as federal court continues to be the sole option, professional creators and the works they contribute will remain at the mercy of infringers. Passing the CASE Act would be a huge step toward ensuring that creators and small business have both the exclusive rights guaranteed to them under the law and a practical way to enforce those rights – i.e. providing both a right and a remedy.

Thank you sincerely for your support!