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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of Hamilton
City Hall
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting that the federal government increase access to digital publications in Canadian libraries. I appreciate your taking the time to write on this matter. Please excuse the delay in my reply.

The Government of Canada recognizes the important role that public libraries play in our communities, as well as the need to put in place appropriate measures for Canadian creators.

As you may know, the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology (INDU) has completed the review of the *Copyright Act* with the help of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has written to the INDU Committee on this particular issue in the context of the Parliamentary review.

The review process has provided parliamentarians with an opportunity to study a variety of copyright issues, including those you have raised. It is important to ensure that Canada continues to have a healthy copyright market.

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Given our shared responsibility for the *Copyright Act*, you have already taken the most appropriate course of action by sharing the Hamilton City Council's views with the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P.

- c.c.: The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Filomena Tassi, P.C., M.P.
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