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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE "STOP ONLINE PIRACY ACT"

Over the past decade, we've witnessed Internet piracy decimate the songwriting profession. The "Stop Online Piracy Act" allows our law enforcement agencies to shut down the most egregious pirate websites, who deal primarily in stolen American products, especially our music. These sites fool Americans and others around the world into thinking they're paying for our songs and compositions when not a penny comes back to the creators. They also profit from American advertisers. America's songwriters need and strongly support the "Stop Online Piracy Act". This bill will save American jobs, promotes our creative industries, and preserves one of America's most precious resources, our intellectual property.

On behalf of America's songwriters and composers, the National Songwriters Association would like to express our deep and sincere appreciation to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith and his staff for their historic work on behalf of America's beleaguered creative class in drafting the "Stop Online Piracy Act". Our thanks also extend to ranking-member Congressmen John Conyers, Congressman Robert Goodlatte, IP Subcommittee Chairman and Congressman Howard Berman as well as all members who worked on this important legislation which we strongly endorse.

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