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CreativeFuture Issues Statement on Appointment of Shira Perlmutter to Register of Copyrights

The appointee will play a vital role in preserving our nation's creative contributions and in safeguarding creative livelihoods from piracy.

Los Angeles, CA – Today, Dr. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, announced that Shira Perlmutter has been appointed to be the next Register of Copyrights. Ms. Perlmutter will enter this position after eight years as the Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to that, Ms. Perlmutter spent over 20 years working in all areas of intellectual property, including copyright.

“The Register of Copyrights plays a vital role in preserving our nation’s robust cultural contributions,” says CreativeFuture CEO Ruth Vitale, “and in safeguarding creative livelihoods that are under attack by digital piracy. We believe in the right of artists to determine how their works are distributed – and we urge Ms. Perlmutter to zealously protect that right, which is integral to a creative economy that employs more than 5.7 million people.

“We look forward to collaborating with Ms. Perlmutter as CreativeFuture continues its support for legislation that ensures sustainable income for independent artists, greater accountability for large internet platforms, and the effective deterrence and prosecution of criminal pirate enterprises. Strong copyright protections are, by far, the most effective way to foster creativity and innovation. We ask Ms. Perlmutter to stand with the creative community to help fortify these protections.”

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ABOUT CREATIVEFUTURE

CreativeFuture is a nonprofit coalition of more than 560 companies and organizations and nearly 270,000 individuals – from film, television, music, book publishing, photography, and other creative industries. We mobilize our members to speak up about the value of creativity, the importance of copyright in protecting creativity, and the massive harm caused by the global theft

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of our creative works. Millions of creatives and thousands of businesses around the world depend on copyright to bring all of us countless moments of inspiration, learning, and joy. Our mission is to advocate for strong but appropriate copyright protections and to empower creatives to speak out against piracy and how it affects their ability to create and to make a living. To learn more, visit www.creativefuture.org.