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CreativeFuture Applauds Senator Thom Tillis for Fresh Look at Digital Millennium Copyright Act

Senator Thom Tillis releases discussion draft on issues raised by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. CreativeFuture commits to participate in the discussion.

Los Angeles, CA – Today, Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina released a discussion draft of a bill intended to improve the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) for the modern age.

Twenty-two years after its passage, many elements of the DMCA fail to benefit the individual artists and small businesses that were supposed to be able to rely upon it to shield their livelihoods against widespread digital piracy.

“Senator Tillis, a longtime champion for the creative communities, sees that the DMCA’s safe harbor provisions for big digital platforms have failed to achieve their promise in the face of the extraordinary pace of change in digital technology,” says CreativeFuture CEO Ruth Vitale. “His proposals should trigger a serious and long-overdue dialogue about how to ensure that these laws foster meaningful cooperation and effective protection for creatives.

“We believe this process can lead to important improvements that should be achievable on a bipartisan basis, as was the case with this year’s copyright improvements, and we hope that all interested parties will participate in this process with open minds and good faith. The creative communities are prepared to do both.”

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ABOUT CREATIVEFUTURE

CreativeFuture is a nonprofit coalition of more than 560 companies and organizations and more than 260,000 individuals – from film, television, music, book publishing, photography, and other creative industries. We’re mobilizing our members to speak up about creativity’s cultural and economic value, the importance of copyright in protecting creativity, and the massive harm caused by the global theft of our creative works. Millions of creatives and thousands of businesses

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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.