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Possible Re-introduction of Copyright Act Amendments

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

It has come to our attention that the federal government is considering re-introducing amendments to the *Copyright Act*. With the memory of Bill C61 still fresh in our minds, your BCLTA Executive wished to convey the continuing concerns of BC's library community around the issue of copyright legislation.

The attached letter has been sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Industry and the Minister of Canadian Heritage in hopes of communicating the importance of achieving a truly fair balance between the rights of copyright holders and the users of library resources. We encourage all BC library boards to communicate the same to the federal government – let's make sure the next iteration of Bill C61 takes the needs of library users into account.

For more information on the issue of copyright legislation, click on the Canadian Library Association's "Copyright News" button on the CLA homepage at www.cla.ca.

Any questions or concerns about the foregoing can be directed to BCLTA's Executive Director, Errin Morrison, at execdirector@bclta.org.