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Hon. Mike Johnson, Speaker
Members of the U.S. Committee on House Administration
Via email

Dear Speaker Johnson and House Admin Committee Members:

We represent a broad cross-section of groups dedicated to balanced copyright and a free and open internet, including libraries, civil libertarians, online rights advocates, start-ups, consumers, and technology companies of all sizes. We understand that the House is considering swift passage of H.R. 6028, the *Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act*, possibly on the suspension calendar or through other expedient means. In the process of reorganizing the Library of Congress, H.R. 6028 changes the functioning of the U.S. Copyright Office and removes important connections between the copyright system and the Library of Congress. It would be a grave mistake to take such dramatic action outside of regular order.

H.R. 6028 may seem dry and technical, a “clarification” of administrative structures, but the extraordinarily complex system created by the Copyright Act and related statutes cannot safely be revised this quickly without risking serious unintended consequences. The Library’s ability to grow and sustain its collections, the Copyright Office’s ability to maintain the registration system and provide unbiased policy guidance on copyright and related issues, and other functions of the two entities could be threatened by separating them without due consideration. Copyright impacts the speech rights, educational opportunities, and creative freedoms of *all* Americans. Copyright law is also one of the most important regulatory frameworks for the culture and technology industries, defining markets and shaping competition. The agency framework that shapes that system should not be disturbed lightly. Impacted communities and industries should have a reasonable opportunity to consider the bill and share their concerns. Lawmakers themselves should have time to consider the bill’s impact on their constituents and consult trusted experts. Committees of jurisdiction should do the important work of holding hearings and building a record. In short, the bill should proceed through regular order, if it proceeds at all.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss substantive issues with the bill, but our most urgent concern is that the bill should not be passed on a fast track, without careful deliberation about its impact on copyright policy, the Library’s functioning, and the communities and businesses who depend on a balanced copyright system. Some of our past work on this issue is linked in the additional resources below.

Respectfully,

Re:Create¹
American Library Association
Association of Research Libraries
Center for Democracy and Technology
Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Public Knowledge
SPARC

Additional resources on the Copyright Office and the Library of Congress:

- [Library Copyright Alliance, Fast-Tracking H.R. 6028 Can Threaten Copyright Deposit and the Public Interest](#)
- [Re:Create Coalition Urges Congress to Modernize Copyright Office](#)
- American Library Association: [Lessons from History—the Copyright Office Belongs in the Library of Congress](#)
- Center for Democracy & Technology: [A 21st Century Copyright Office: Renovation Over Relocation](#)
- Re:Create: [New Copyright Corner Q&A Series Features Shira Perlmutter As First Guest](#)
- Electronic Frontier Foundation: [Let's Make The Copyright Office Less Political, Not More](#)
- Public Knowledge: [Public Knowledge Opposes Rushed Legislation on Copyright Office](#)

¹ Not every member of the Re:Create Coalition necessarily agrees on every issue, but the views we express represent the consensus among the bulk of our membership.