

November 20, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write on behalf of CreativeFuture in support of the nomination of Daniel Marti to serve as the next Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

CreativeFuture is a coalition made up of more than 350 companies and organizations – encompassing film, television, music, and book publishing – that promotes the value of creativity, expanded digital access to legitimate content, and the fundamental right of creators to determine how their works are distributed.

We believe Mr. Marti has the skills and experience necessary to coordinate the enforcement activities of the many federal agencies with responsibility for intellectual property. His predecessor also had a solid track record of encouraging voluntary initiatives among stakeholders in the internet ecosystem – including ISPs and the advertising community – to help take the profit out of piracy.

It is our hope that Mr. Marti will carry forward all of this important work, which has suffered while the IPEC position has remained unfilled for over a year.

On behalf of our 350 member organizations and firms and the hundreds of thousands of creative individuals they represent, I urge you and the members of your Committee to move Mr. Marti's nomination to the full Senate for approval before the end of this year.

We look forward to working with him and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ruth Vitale
Executive Director
CreativeFuture