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**On Behalf of the Millions of Workers in the Creative Industries,
CreativeFuture Welcomes the Bipartisan Introduction of S. 1010, the
Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act, in the
Senate**

The Bill, which passed the House of Representatives last week with strong, bipartisan support, is an important first step towards modernizing the U.S. Copyright Office by making the Register of Copyrights a presidentially nominated and Senate confirmed position

LOS ANGELES – May 2, 2017 – On behalf of the 5.5 million workers in the creative industries, CreativeFuture welcomes the introduction of the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act to the U.S. Senate. CreativeFuture also encourages the Senate to swiftly enact this important legislation.

CreativeFuture CEO Ruth Vitale said, “I would like to thank Senators Leahy, Grassley, Feinstein, and Hatch for their leadership. In a city where Democrats and Republicans cannot agree about anything, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives just overwhelmingly agreed – by a 378-48 vote – that America deserves a strong and independent Copyright Office to advance our creative economy. We look forward to this Bill passing the Senate with similar overwhelming bipartisan support. The time has come for the head of the Copyright Office, the Register of Copyrights, to be subject to the same nomination and confirmation process as other top government officials. The standing of the Copyright Office should reflect the value of the economic and cultural contributions of the creative economy that it supports.”

Vitale added, “The core copyright industries added more than \$1.2 trillion of value to the U.S. GDP, accounting for 6.88% of the U.S. economy exceeding aerospace, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals. Moreover, these industries employed over 5.5 million people across the country. Our members and the creative industries stand with these

lawmakers in their effort to bring the copyright office into the 21st century.”

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