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Ms. Lisa Livingston and Mr. Ivan Bender
Educational Multimedia
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New York, NY 10031

Dear Ms. Livingston and Mr. Bender:

For the past eighteen months, my association has met with you and other associations representing educators and copyright owners for the purpose of creating fair use guidelines for educational multimedia. These guidelines are designed to be used by educators and students when they create their own multimedia projects.

The creation of fair use guidelines involves the development of a series of compromises inasmuch as fair use does not have a precise definition in the copyright law or in the courts themselves. We feel these guidelines are a positive development in that they provide a sense of direction in an area of technology that is just now developing, yet has already become such an important part of the teaching and learning process. It is clear to us that without these guidelines educators and students who develop multimedia projects are inhibited in their efforts and copyright proprietors are similarly negatively impacted.

We appreciate having the opportunity to be part of the negotiating committee and are pleased to be able to add our association's name to the list of other organizations that formally approve of the fair use guidelines for educational multimedia with the understanding that you will be seeking Congressional approval of them and not recommending any amendment to the law itself.

Sincerely,



Nicholas A. Veliotis