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Mr. Peter Fowler, Chair
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Dear Mr. Fowler,

I am writing to you to urge you to support the acceptance and inclusion of the Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia as part of the final CONFU report.

As an administrator in higher education media services, I recognize the importance of providing an acceptable way for our students to develop and present multimedia projects as part of their formal instruction. The Guidelines provide for that type of creative use in the educational environment without the need for our students to undergo arduous and excessively difficult research and permission gathering. Faculty and students are not out to take money away from the owners of the original works. However, it would be impossible to teach creative multimedia authoring techniques and strategies if they were unable to freely use materials as set forth in the guidelines.

While I understand that the Guidelines already exist as valid and are being used, I urge you to include them in the final CONFU report despite the unwarranted opposition from a few groups. The educational community will be watching.

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