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Subject: Multimedia Fair Use Guidelines
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Attn: Mr. Peter N. Fowler

Dear Mr. Fowler:

I'm writing to strongly encourage you to include the Multimedia Fair Use Guidelines in the CONFU report which you are about to release.

As a university media director, I am asked every day--every single day--by faculty and students to provide guidance on what is fair use in scanning, video clipping, image copying, and other uses of intellectual property to create new works. My center, and those like it in universities and schools across the country, are on the front line of uncertainty about fair use.

In my view, the guidelines as developed under the leadership of CCUMC and AECT are appropriate, workable, and being implemented none too soon.

As a faculty member in a library science program, I have heard the objections of ALA and ARL to the guidelines. With all due respect, I can't agree. The experience of our organizations in bargaining with producers does not lead me to believe that we will win greater rights in the courts.

I encourage you to include the guidelines in your report.

Sincerely,

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