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Mr. Davis Rimmel  


Dear Mr. Rimmel:


Thank you for contacting me about the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act. I appreciate hearing from you on this issue.

In the United States, copyright exists to protect authors and artists by granting them the exclusive right to make and sell copies of their works as well as to create derivative or imitative works. If an author or artist believes someone has improperly copied his or her copyrighted work, he or she can bring a lawsuit in federal court.

On May 1, 2019, Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) introduced the CASE Act (S.1273). This legislation would establish a new Copyright Claims Board within the U.S. Copyright Office as an alternative venue to the federal courts for copyright disputes. The Copyright Claims Board would be designed to handle small claims, affording copyright holders—including small businesses—the opportunity to defend their copyrights without the expense of a federal lawsuit. On July 18, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved S.1273 and the bill is now before the full Senate. I appreciate knowing of your views should this or other legislation regarding copyright protections and enforcement for small businesses come before me.

Once again, thank you for contacting my office. It is important for me to hear from the people of Wisconsin on the issues, thoughts and concerns that matter most to you. If I can be of further assistance, please visit my website at <http://www.baldwin.senate.gov> for information on how to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator