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Mr. Chris Gray
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your letters regarding the Canadian Intellectual Property Council's (CIPC) concerns about the protection of intellectual property (IP) rights in Canada, and for providing us with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) document, *The Importance of IP in Canada*. Your letter on the same subject, addressed to the Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism), has also been brought to my attention.

In the March 3, 2010 Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada committed to "encourage new ideas and protect the rights of Canadians whose research, development and artistic creativity contribute to Canada's prosperity" by strengthening "laws governing intellectual property and copyright." To this end, the government has taken stock of the submissions that Canadians made during the nationwide copyright consultations in summer 2009 and, with these in mind, is working to draft and table new legislation.

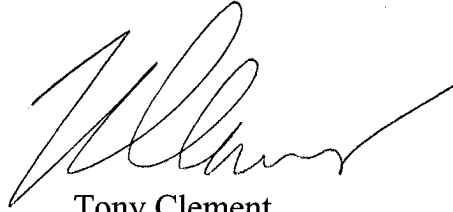
Furthermore, the government is taking the issue of IP rights enforcement seriously and is examining Canada's domestic and border regimes to assess their efficiency in combatting the flow of IP-infringing goods. In 2009, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Federal Enforcement Sections investigated more than 550 occurrences of counterfeiting and piracy, which was an approximate increase of 30 percent from the previous year.

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Once again, thank you for writing. The government appreciates your continued interest in this important matter and acknowledges the CIPC's and the CCC's roles in advocating for an improved IP system in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Clement', written in a cursive style.

Tony Clement