



Canadian Intellectual Property Council  
Conseil canadien de la propriété intellectuelle

*Election 2011 IP Report Card*

The Canadian Intellectual Property Council (CIPC) has been leading the charge for greater awareness and protection of intellectual property (IP) rights in Canada. An affiliate of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the CIPC is a business coalition designed to provide a central voice for stronger IP protection in Canada. The CIPC urges the federal government to support legislation and policies that protect and enforce a strong intellectual property rights system, which includes rights to protect trademarks, copyrights and patents.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian IP Council sent out its Election Priority Strategy, ‘Our Vision for a more efficient Canadian IP System’, to the four major federal parties. In this document, we urged that the federal government take up three legislative endeavors: a copyright modernization bill that would adequately implement international best practices, legislation that strengthens anti-counterfeiting and piracy measures, and the implementation of a stronger data protection measures in the life sciences sectors.

In addition, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce sent each party a questionnaire that included a section on innovation and IP. The answers are [attached](#).

In their responses, the parties all agreed on the importance of passing a copyright modernization bill. The New Democratic Party also supported the need for law enforcement officials to be given the necessary tools and resources to combat illegal counterfeiting.

The CIPC urges the federal government to act swiftly with a clear sense of purpose to move forward with these legislative efforts to bolster the growth of Canada’s knowledge- and innovation-based enterprises.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

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