



**The Canadian Intellectual Property Council  
Le Conseil Canadien de la Protection Intellectuelle**

October 31, 2008

The Honorable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Industry  
Industry Canada  
235 Queen Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5

Dear Minister:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canadian Intellectual Property Council (CIPC) to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Industry.

The Canadian Intellectual Property Council is a Canadian business coalition - supported by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce - designed to provide a central voice to press for stronger intellectual property protection both in Canada and worldwide. Launched on May 26th, 2008, the CIPC's primary objective is to ensure that the Canadian government provides the necessary legislative framework and sufficient resources to combat the rampant counterfeiting and piracy of intellectual property. Our members represent a broad range of industries including pharmaceuticals, software, entertainment and consumer goods, all of which rely on intellectual property rights for their success.

The CIPC was pleased to see in your party's election platform that the government is committed to re-introducing copyright legislation, to introduce tougher new laws on counterfeiting and piracy, and to give customs and law enforcement services the necessary resources to fight these crimes. These measures will help to foster a more innovative economy and will better protect the health and safety of all Canadians. The CIPC looks forward to seeing these commitments included in the Throne Speech on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The CIPC will work closely with you and the Minister of Heritage and Official Languages to ensure that the protection of intellectual property rights remains at the forefront of the Canadian policy agenda. We are confident that by working together we will be able to develop an intellectual property rights system that meets international standards and that better suits the needs of Canadian businesses while at the same time protecting the interests of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Weese", followed by a period.

Bob Weese, Chair  
Vice-President, GE Canada

cc. The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada