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Dear Witnesses:

Thank you for testifying at our March 29 hearing relating to possible exemptions to the prohibition on circumvention of technological measures that control access to copyrighted works.

We have two follow-up questions. We request that any of you who have any information responsive to these questions provide us with that information.

Both questions relate to the existing exemption for “Literary works distributed in ebook format when all existing ebook editions of the work (including digital text editions made available by authorized entities) contain access controls that prevent the enabling of the ebook's read-aloud function and that prevent the enabling of screen readers to render the text into a specialized format.”

1. To what extent has this exemption been used since October 28, 2003? Please be as specific as possible and identify any persons or entities that have taken advantage of the existing exemption and the circumstances surrounding the use of the exemption.
2. Please describe whether, since October 28, 2003, ebook publishers have changed their practices with respect to enabling use of the read-

aloud function and/or enable the use of screen readers for ebooks. If the practices of any ebook publishers have changed, please describe those changes and the reasons for those changes; e.g., was the change causally related to the exemption?

We would be grateful if we could receive your responses no later than June 15.

Thank you for your assistance in this rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely,

David O. Carson
General Counsel