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DIGITAL CREATORS COALITION APPLAUDS 2026 SPECIAL 301 REPORT

Washington, DC (May 8, 2026) - Welcoming the recent [2026 Special 301 Report](#)'s annual review of intellectual property rights protection and global enforcement, the Digital Creators Coalition (DCC) issued the following statement:

“The Digital Creators Coalition applauds this year’s Special 301 Report, which clearly conveys the US Government’s strong commitment to promoting the US creative community and protecting the copyrights on which it relies. We are particularly encouraged by the Administration’s reaffirmation that copyright must be respected in the AI context and support for voluntary licensing for the use of copyrighted works in AI development. The DCC also values the Report's inclusion of creative community concerns regarding overbroad copyright exceptions. We strongly oppose such exceptions, including for so-called text and data mining for the use of copyrighted works without authorization for the training of AI models. We thank those from USTR and all agencies for working tirelessly to produce this Report, continuing a long tradition of US leadership for and dedication to American creators.”

The DCC consists of member organizations that represent individual creators, independent producers, small-and-medium-size enterprises, large businesses, and workers from across the American copyright-based creative sectors, including movies, music, television, illustrators, photographers, authors, publishers, and fans as well as news, magazine and digital media. We are committed to advancing the interests of the creative community in the digital environment and are united in our resolve that strong copyright protection for American creators should be a top priority for US international engagement and economic diplomacy. For more information, visit digitalcreatorscoalition.org/.

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- American Association of Independent Music
- American Federation of Musicians
- American Society for Collective Rights Licensing
- American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers
- American Society of Media Photographers

Artist Management Association
Artist Rights Alliance
Artist Rights Institute
Association of American Publishers
Association of Independent Music Publishers
Association of Writers & Writing Programs
Austin Texas Musicians
The Authors Guild
Broadcast Music, Inc.
Choreographers Guild
Concept Art Association
Copyright Alliance
Copyright Clearance Center
CreativeFuture
Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO
Directors Guild of America
Fan Alliance
Folk Alliance International
Future of Music Coalition
Georgia Music Partners
Independent Film & Television Alliance
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees
International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition
Music Artists Coalition
Music Managers Forum - US
Nashville Songwriters Association International
National Association of Voice Actors
National Music Council of the United States
National Music Publishers' Association
News/Media Alliance
Production Music Association
Professional Photographers of America
Recording Academy
Recording Industry Association of America
Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
SESAC Music Group
The Society of Composers & Lyricists
Songwriters Guild of America
Songwriters of North America
SoundExchange