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Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP  
Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy  
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport  
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By post and by e-mail c/o: [MinisterialSupportTeam@culture.gov.uk](mailto:MinisterialSupportTeam@culture.gov.uk)

Dear Matt,

The British Copyright Council welcomes the inclusion of a new Digital Charter in the Queen's Speech and its two core objectives of making the UK the best place to start and run a digital business and the safest place in the world to be online. The BCC and its members strongly support these objectives which directly impinge on the rights and interests of content creators in the creative industries. The BCC understands that this initiative will be delivered largely through the Digital Economy Council.

The Chairman of the BCC's Copyright and Technology Working Group, Andrew Yeates, wrote to you via e-mail on 6<sup>th</sup> July to enquire further about the Digital Economy Council. I now write to emphasise how keen the BCC is to ensure that the creative industries are represented on the Council and that the contribution to the Digital Economy made by content creators, and the role which copyright plays in facilitating that, is recognised through their inclusion in the Council.

The BCC is particularly keen to understand how the balance between interests represented on the Council will support Government aims to deliver its Digital Charter and the mechanisms which the Council will use for reporting back to and consulting content creators as the various initiatives are addressed.

Effective enforcement mechanisms for copyright in the digital world are essential for the interests of the content creators represented through the BCC's members. The BCC would be pleased to engage with and participate in discussions to ensure effective delivery of the policy proposals to address these.

I look forward to hearing from you further as to how we might contribute.

Yours sincerely,



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