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Copyright Alliance Applauds Reps. Marino and Chu for Continued Leadership in Modernizing the Copyright Office

The Alliance Calls Reintroduction of CODE Act (H.R. 890) Essential to Copyright Office Modernization

Washington, D.C. – The Copyright Alliance applauds Representatives Chu and Marino for their continued leadership in the area of modernizing the U.S. Copyright Office with their re-introduction of the [Copyright Office for the Digital Economy Act \(CODE Act\)](#).

According to Copyright Alliance CEO Keith Kupferschmid, “Modernization of the U.S. Copyright Office is crucial not just to those of us in the copyright community, but to the public and many others who rely upon the Copyright Office’s services. Regardless of a stakeholder’s views on copyright policy, nearly everyone agrees that the Copyright Office cannot continue operating under its current structure and is in dire need of modernization.”

Kupferschmid further noted that “The Copyright Alliance thanks Reps. Marino and Chu for recognizing the importance of the Copyright Office to the economy, jobs and culture, and for their efforts to modernize the Office as soon as possible. Their bipartisan bill addresses imperative modernization issues and, in conjunction with the proposal issued by Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers late last year, represents an important step toward modernizing the Office. We look forward to engaging in continued discussions with other stakeholders, members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, and the Trump Administration on this critical topic so we can promptly take steps toward modernizing the Office.”

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About the Copyright Alliance

The Copyright Alliance is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest and educational organization representing the copyright interests of over 1.8 million individual creators and over 13,000 organizations in the United States, across the spectrum of copyright disciplines. The Copyright Alliance is dedicated to advocating policies that promote and preserve the value of copyright, and to protecting the rights of creators and innovators. For more information, please visit www.copyrightalliance.org.

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