

# Support H.R. 1695, Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017

**From: The Committee on the Judiciary**

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Dear Colleague,

Please join us in supporting the bipartisan [Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, H.R. 1695](#), which passed the House Judiciary Committee on March 29th with a vote of 27-1.

Since 2013, the House Judiciary Committee has been working on ways to improve the Copyright Office including making the Register a Presidentially appointed and Senate confirmed position in order to improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency at the Copyright Office.

H.R. 1695 makes all future Registers of Copyrights within the Library of Congress subject to a Presidential nomination with the advice and consent of the Senate for a 10 year term. The bill will also create a Congressional panel to develop a nominee slate containing at least three names for the President to choose from.

This ensures that Members have a more formal process for input into who is chosen as Register, similar to what is done for other Legislative Branch agency heads like the GAO and AOC. This bill retains a role for the Librarian in the selection process.

If you have any questions regarding support for the bill, please contact Burak Guvensoylar at [burakg@mail.house.gov](mailto:burakg@mail.house.gov)

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