



July 8, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thom Tillis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Intellectual Property
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Tillis:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 2022, requesting that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the United States Copyright Office (USCO) conduct a joint study to examine various matters related to intellectual property that have arisen from the growth in the use of non-fungible tokens. As requested, we write to confirm our receipt of your letter and to advise that we will indeed conduct the study.

The USPTO and the USCO have had preliminary discussions on next steps and on how to best consult with stakeholders about this topic. As we move forward, we would be glad to provide your offices with updates.

Again, thank you for your letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about this study.

Sincerely,

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Property and Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office

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