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To Whom It May Concern:

Creative Commons applauds the progressive approach to user-friendly changes to the copyright regime in Singapore. Creative Commons (CC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making it easy for people to share and build upon the work of others. CC is represented by an international network of affiliates in over 85 countries, including Singapore.

We provide free, open copyright licenses and other legal tools to promote creativity and sharing. The Creative Commons licenses facilitate novel social, educational, technological, and business practices, and support productive relationships around networked knowledge and culture. Our licenses will always provide voluntary options for creators who wish to share their material on more open terms than current copyright systems allow. But the CC vision — universal access to research and education and full participation in culture — will not be realized through licensing alone. That is why we believe that to ensure the maximum benefits to both culture and the economy in this digital age, the scope and shape of copyright law need to be reviewed.

We are pleased in the approach and substance of your copyright reform consultation. All too often we see that proposed “reforms” of copyright look to serve existing rights holders by increasing copyright terms and enforcement, limit uses available to the public under exceptions to copyright, and downplay the central importance of the public domain.

The purpose of this consultation—taking into account that law should be reasonable, clear, and efficiently transacted—should go a long way towards realizing the social and cultural goals of a fair and balanced copyright. We wish you luck in adopting positive changes that will support all stakeholders, including creators, users, and the public good.

We are happy to provide assistance during the ongoing consultation process, or answer any questions you may have. Contact information for our local Creative Commons Singapore team is provided below.

Sincerely,

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