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**Cc:** Yvonne Manakaza  
**Subject:** Submission on Copyright Amendment Bil

Dear Mr. D. Nkosi, Chairperson – PC on Trade and Industry,

I am writing in my personal capacity but am a senior librarian (Acting Deputy Director: Information Resources Distribution) at the University of South Africa, the largest distance learning institution in Africa.

I have 32 years' experience as a professional librarian and the last 10 years have served in academic libraries as a senior librarian, and now as a senior manager. I have observed that the Copyright Act of 1978, although meeting the needs of use and legal protection at that time, does not accommodate a changed information use and publishing space as we head into the 4th industrial revolution and its concomitant expectations of technological change.

I have been very interested in the passage (albeit 4 years) of the Bill through Parliament but am disappointed that it still has not been finalized. As a librarian and postgraduate student, I have found the current copyright laws extremely inadequate and fair dealing very limiting. I welcome the fair use provisions in Section 12A that will be very helpful in the digital environment. Also, I fully support the useful provisions in Section 12 B,C and D, and Section 19 B and C of the Bill. The provisions for libraries, archives, museums and galleries are urgently needed and will allow digital curation and a host of other functions in the digital space that are not permitted in the current law. I am aware that many of these limitations and exceptions come from countries around the world, so I assume that they comply with international IP agreements. I hope that South Africans can also benefit from these provisions very soon.

Thank you

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