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**STATEMENT FROM DAN GLICKMAN, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF
THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

“Reports on the theft of the latest installment of Harry Potter underscores that robbery of intellectual property extends far beyond the movies, to music, publishing, computer software and other creative outputs that are the foundation of our modern information economy.

“Intellectual property industries together account for nearly thirteen percent of all U.S. economic growth. We simply cannot afford to leave these very serious crimes unchecked. The cost to the world film community alone exceeds \$18 billion annually. That is a significant loss in terms of jobs and economic benefits. Government, law enforcement, technology and entertainment leaders have a responsibility to work together to prevent individuals from erasing with the click of a mouse, the time, investment, creativity and heart put into these products. Intellectual property theft is an act with serious consequences for our economy and our information society.”

-Dan Glickman, Chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America

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