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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein,

The Motion Picture Association of America supports confirmation of Vishal Amin for the role of Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

In creating the IPEC in 2008, Congress recognized the importance of a dedicated position in the White House to coordinate the Administration's enforcement of intellectual property rights, to promulgate and help implement a strategic plan for such enforcement, and to promote robust intellectual property policy. Mr. Amin's prior experiences within the Administration and the House Judiciary Committee will afford him a strong understanding of the statutory responsibilities of the position for which he has been nominated, as well as of the importance of the IPEC to the cultural and economic prosperity of the United States.

IP intensive industries represent 45.5 million jobs, 11.4 million of which come from the copyright industries, including 2 million from the motion picture and television industry. The movie and television industry alone is composed of 88,000 businesses spanning all 50 states and generates a $13.3 billion trade surplus with a 4-to-1 export to import ratio. The IPEC's duties are thus directly related to the fiscal health of the United States. Because one-third of pirate sites actively attempt to infect their users with malware, combatting copyright theft is also about protecting consumers and preventing cybersecurity breaches.

Subject to Senate confirmation, we look forward to working with Mr. Amin and his team to continue the important work of his predecessors in protecting the intellectual property engine that drives our economy.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Dodd

cc: Senator Orrin G. Hatch
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Senator John Cornyn
Senator Michael S. Lee
Senator Ted Cruz
Senator Ben Sasse
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