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26th September 2013: The Alliance for Intellectual Property, a coalition of trade organisations which campaign for intellectual property rights to be valued and protected, today welcomed the report from the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee entitled ‘Supporting the Creative Economy.’

The report provides a much-needed critical analysis of the Government’s proposed reforms of copyright law and reflects the views that the Alliance and many of its members have been making in recent years.

Commenting on the report, Susie Winter, Director General of the Alliance, said:

“Today’s report pulls no punches in its assessment of the impact the Government planned reforms to copyright will have on creators and others who rely on intellectual property to make a living. It is a serious indictment of the Hargreaves review and clearly sets out the consequences these would have for the creative industries.

The Government appears to be going down the wrong track and on a runaway train when it comes to copyright reform. We hope this report means that Ministers will now stop and reconsider their proposals before they inflict serious harm on businesses across the UK. This Government has done many things right when it comes to the creative industries, but when it comes to copyright, it’s got it badly wrong. It needs to listen carefully to what the Committee has said and change direction.”

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ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

Established in 1998, the Alliance for Intellectual Property is a UK-based coalition of trade associations and enforcement organisations with an interest in ensuring intellectual property rights receive the protection they need and deserve. With a combined turnover of over £250 billion, our members include representatives of the audiovisual, music, games and business software, and sports industries, branded manufactured goods, publishers, retailers and designers.

The Alliance is concerned with ensuring that intellectual property rights are valued in the UK and that a robust, efficient legislative and regulatory regime exists, which enables these rights to be properly protected. Our members work closely with trading standards and local police forces to reduce the harm caused by intellectual property crime in local communities and to ensure that legitimate businesses and traders are able to operate fairly.

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