

March 2, 1999

The Honorable Barney Frank
United States House of Representatives
2210 RHOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Frank,

I am writing in regard to S 1146 and H.R. 3048 to which I am opposed. The issue of “distance learning” is a very important segment of the education business, which is being addressed by educators and publishers. If you need further evidence of that fact, I urge you and all members of the legislative branch to read current and back issues of *Syllabus*, *New Directions in Educational Technology*.

Since the issue is being addressed and the fact that the industry is ahead of faculty capacity to employ technology, no action involving the weakening of the copyright law is in any way justified. The law is the creative backbone of the publishing industry. The beneficiaries of this creativity are faculty and students. Weakening copyright at this time, in this area, would be very detrimental to the future of educational publishing.

Yours truly,

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