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Dear Representative Graves:

The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP) commends you for your letter to the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, regarding the departure of Maria Pallante from her position as Register of Copyrights and Director of the United States Copyright Office.

ASMP wholeheartedly agrees with your position that recent events at the Copyright Office in no way inhibit the ability of the Copyright Office to continue to fulfill its traditional roles (as codified in 17 U.S.C. Sec. 701 (b)), particularly the function of advis[ing] Congress on national and international issues relating to copyright.”

Historically, the Copyright Office has provided Congress with independent and expert advice on domestic and international copyright issues. ASMP is heartened by your interest in ensuring that role continues in the future.

Once again, thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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