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Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
22/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Dear Secretary So,

The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AmCham HK) wishes to express its appreciation to the HKSAR Government for proceeding with the introduction of the Copyright (Amendment) Bill 2014 (“Amendment Bill”) into the Legislative Council on June 18, 2014.

As set out in our letter to the Chief Executive dated March 25, 2014, which was copied to you, copyright reform is urgently required in order to ensure that Hong Kong remains competitive and our copyright regime keeps better pace with those of other developed economies. AmCham HK is both encouraged by and supportive of the introduction of the Amendment Bill, and believes it is a significant step in the right direction. We note that proposed sections 118(2AA) and 118(8C) (non-exhaustive factors for a Court’s consideration) in the Amendment Bill ought to correspond with the proposals already vetted under the 2011 legislative process.

We look forward to working together with all other stakeholders in the coming months to promote the passage of the Amendment Bill by the Legislative Council as soon as possible. The leadership of AmCham HK, and particularly its Intellectual Property Committee, would be very pleased to discuss with you and your team any support that we may provide in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact our Ms. Ming-Lai Cheung, Director, Government Relations & Public Affairs (mcheung@amcham.org.hk and Tel: 2530 6927) for follow-up.

Yours sincerely,

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