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To: [Section52CDPA](#)
Subject: Repeal of Section 52, CDPA
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Dear Sirs

I am the Chairman of Double-Barrelled Books Limited, a small independent publisher of illustrated art and design books. I am writing in connection with the consultation to repeal Section 52 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

We sympathise with the intention of the Act to extend copyright protection to artistic works. However, we believe that it is unfair to retrospectively apply this to existing works. We have published 9 titles to date, each of which has many illustrations. Our decision to publish each title was taken in the light of current copyright law and the associated costs we would incur. The costs, in terms of both time and money, of going back to all the copyright holders to obtain new permissions will be prohibitive for a small publisher with limited financial resources.

We would therefore ask that existing titles are exempted from the new legislation.

Yours faithfully

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