

NBC UNIVERSAL

STACEY M. BYRNES
SVP, Intellectual Property Counsel

100 Universal City Plaza
Universal City, CA 91608
tel (818) 777-2174
fax (818) 866-1770
stacey.byrnese@nbcuni.com

March 21, 2007

The Honorable Senator Andrew J. McDonald, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Michael P. Lawlor, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Judiciary, Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building – State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Testimony In Opposition to Raised HB No. 6818

Dear Co-Chairs McDonald and Lawlor:

I am writing on behalf of NBC Universal in opposition to Raised House Bill 6818, which the Joint Committee on Judiciary has set for public hearing today.

NBC Universal joins the MPAA Memorandum in Opposition to the Bill, a proposed law that strikes at the heart of the First Amendment. By raising the specter of prolonged, expensive litigation to defend against unconstitutional restraints on speech, the Bill threatens to chill the creation and dissemination of expressive works – works at the very core of First Amendment protection.

NBC Universal will offer testimony at the hearing from Gillian Lusins, Vice President, Intellectual Property. Ms. Lusins will be prepared to offer practical examples of the many types of television programming that could be adversely affected by the proposed law, and will also be prepared to respond to questions from the Committee.

We respectfully request that the Committee reject Bill 6818. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Stacey Byrnes

SMB/mb

cc: Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary
Maren Christensen – EVP & General Counsel, Universal Studios
Pamela Farrell – Regional Manager, State Government Relations, General Electric
Gillian Lusins – VP, Intellectual Property, NBC Universal
Ann O'Connor – VP, Government Affairs, NBC Universal