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Members of the General Law Committee

**RE: Senate Bill No. 30**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY**  
**AND IDENTITY THEFT**

I am writing to inform you that The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) and its member companies including Walt Disney Studios, Twentieth Century Fox, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Universal City Studios and Warner Bros. are opposed to Senate Bill 30.

We applaud your intentions to protect and ensure the privacy of personal information. However, SB 30 is overly broad and could impact our ability to combat the on-line theft of motion pictures and other works produced and distributed by our member companies. Specifically, this legislation could be construed to prevent MPAA's anti-piracy department and contract investigators, who gather evidence to bring legal actions against criminals who counterfeit and steal motion pictures and other works, from employing certain long-employed techniques to obtain information. This could include posing or portraying an individual personality as part of an on-going investigation.

Moreover, SB 30 could impede or detour our anti-piracy department investigators who engage in legitimate investigations as well as assist Connecticut law enforcement officials,

including high technology crime investigators, in cases against criminals who specialize in motion picture theft and illegal on-line and hard goods distribution.

We appreciate your consideration of our concern and opposition to this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Aloe-Sobin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "A".

MPAA CT Legislative Advocate  
Linda Aloe-Sobin