

August 4, 1999

Chairman Thomas J. Bliley
Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Bliley:

The undersigned organizations support H.R. 1858, the Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act, and oppose any weakening amendments. Each of us has a critical stake in both the protection and the production of databases. H.R. 1858, introduced by you, as well as Representatives Dingell, Markey, Tauzin, Towns, and Oxley, protects database publishers from unethical and unlawful duplication while insuring the critical capacity to make "transformative" uses of information. These transformative uses are essential for e-commerce and the creation of new information products, as well as for the advancement of scientific and scholarly research. We urge the Commerce Committee to approve H.R. 1858.

****Signatories listed in alphabetical order****

Amdahl Corporation
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of Law Libraries
American Committee for Interoperable Systems
American Council on Education
American Film Heritage Association
American Library Association
American Meteorological Society
American Society of Agronomy
Association of American Universities
Association of Research Libraries
AT&T
Bloomberg Financial Markets
Brandeis University

California Institute of Technology
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
Citizens' Council on Health Care
Columbia University
Commercial Internet eXchange Association
Computer & Communications Industry Association
Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility
Computing Technology Industry Association
Conference on College Composition and Communication
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Governmental Relations
Crop Science Society of America
Digital Future Coalition
Dun & Bradstreet
Eagle Forum
Educause
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Excite@Home
Information Technology Association of America
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Louisiana State University
MCI WorldCom
Medical Library Association
Mississippi State University
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
National Council of Teachers of English
National Humanities Alliance
NetRadio.com
North Carolina State University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Online Banking Association
Pennsylvania State University
Queens Borough Public Library, NY
RioPort.com

Soil Science Society of America
Southern Illinois University
Special Libraries Association
State University of New York at Stony Brook
The University of North Carolina
United States Catholic Conference
University of California System
University of Chicago
University of Colorado
University of Delaware
University of Kentucky
University of Michigan
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Washington
Washington University in St. Louis
Wells Anderson Legal Tech Services
Yahoo! Inc.

81 Organizations that support H.R. 1858

(All organizations have either signed the attached letter or expressed their support)

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