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## DCC APPLAUDS 2021 SPECIAL 301 REPORT FINDINGS ON INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

**Washington, D.C. (May 6, 2021)** - Today, the Digital Creators Coalition (DCC) issued the following statement applauding the findings of the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) 2021 Special 301 Report, an annual review of intellectual property rights protection and enforcement in countries around the world:

“The Digital Creators Coalition applauds this year’s Special 301 Report, which clearly conveys the Biden Administration’s strong commitment to promoting the U.S. creative community and protecting the copyright on which it relies. It provides a critical confirmation of the importance of the creative community to the U.S. economy and society, not only as a vital source of good, well-paying American jobs, and economic growth, but as a defining aspect of our culture and quality of life. The report also serves as a critical blueprint for U.S. engagement on copyright in foreign countries.

“The DCC is eager to continue to work with the U.S. government on strengthening copyright standards internationally and on breaking down access barriers to creative content in all markets. We thank USTR and all those at the intellectual property rights agencies, who worked so hard to produce this report that continues a long tradition of U.S. leadership for and dedication to America’s creators.”

The DCC is composed of associations, companies and organizations that represent individual creators, independent producers, small-and-medium-size enterprises, large businesses, and labor organizations all across the American creative community, including music, movies, television, authors, publishers, news media and sports. The DCC works to advance the U.S. creative community’s interests in the online environment, and we are united in our resolve that strong copyright protection for American creators should be a top priority for U.S. international copyright and trade policy engagement.

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Copyright Alliance  
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Global Innovation Policy Center  
Independent Film & Television Alliance  
International Intellectual Property Alliance  
Motion Picture Association  
Music Artists Coalition  
Nashville Songwriters Association International  
National Music Publishers' Association  
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