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*The National Voice of Black Business*

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The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Jeffries:

On behalf of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC), I write today in strong support for H.R. 2426, *The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act*. The USBC represents Black businesses both large and small. We work to help Black businesses thrive, bolster the American economy, create responsible policies, and prepare the next generation of Black entrepreneurs. USBC supports the CASE Act because we believe this legislation will safeguard creative entrepreneurs who rely on copyright to protect their works from unauthorized reproduction.

Recent research has found that under current law, copyright owners that have small infringement claims cannot protect their creative works because the cost of district court litigation is often higher than the damages sought.

The CASE Act provides a much-needed solution by creating a Copyright Claims Board (CCB) to deliver a simple, quick and less expensive judgment for small copyright owners to settle disputes over the unlawful use of creative works.

I thank you for introducing this important piece of legislation which will positively benefit many of the minority-owned businesses we serve.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Busby  
President/Chief Executive Officer  
U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.