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**Subject: Your e-mails of 23 October to Vice President Neelie Kroes and
Director General Robert Madelin - Ancillary copyright and startups**

Dear Mr Levin,

Thank you very much for sharing with me the concerns of The Coalition for a Digital Economy on the Spanish copyright legislation. We are aware of the recent developments in Spain and are following them with great attention.

I understand that the purpose of the draft regulation is to introduce, in the Spanish copyright legal framework, a new exception or limitation to the right of making available to the public laid down by Directive 2001/29/EC for the benefit of news aggregators. News aggregators would consequently pay press publishers an equitable compensation for certain uses of news snippets.

As you probably know, Spain already notified a first draft of the new Copyright law under Directive 98/34/EC. However this notification did not include Article 32.2, which was added at a later stage. Where significant amendments have been made, Member States can notify the draft again at any time before adoption thereof. At the moment, the Commission has not yet received any further notification from the Spanish authorities.

The Commission will monitor the development of this process, in light of the relevant EU law.

Yours sincerely,

(e-Signed)
Robert Madelin