

Questions for the Record from Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) to Jonathan Band  
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1. Mechanically, how would the solution of direct government compensation to SDO copyright owners work, especially since most of these instances take place at the state and local level?

a. Follow on question: Given how thorny issues of government funding are, what is the likelihood that such a solution would be possible as both a pragmatic and political matter?

b. Follow on question: Your written testimony mentioned 28 U.S.C. §1498, which provides a cause of action to copyright owners to sue for unauthorized uses “by or for the United States,” as a potential option to compensate SDO copyright owners. How could this be a solution to state or local unauthorized uses?