

Questions for the Record from Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA) to Steve Francis
A Midlife Crisis? IP and the Internet After 40
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1. Counterfeiting and piracy have been the most persistent global IP challenges of the last three decades or more. What will it take to finally bring the problem under control?
 - a. Follow on question: What is the approximate volume of counterfeit goods and pirated content consumed globally and domestically?
 - b. Follow on question: What practical solutions, if any, could generate strong bicameral, bipartisan, and stakeholder support?
2. Does enforcement against copyright piracy websites and enterprises located outside of the jurisdiction of the United States pose unique challenges for rights holders?
 - a. Follow on question: On the whole, do copyright piracy websites and enterprises located outside of the jurisdiction of the United States typically respond to Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) takedown requests?
 - b. Follow on question: What does a typical enforcement action against such a website typically require?
3. Has enhanced information sharing under the INFORM Consumers Act improved accountability for illicit sales?
4. Does recent data show the effect of closing the de minimis loophole on the scale of the problem of counterfeit and pirated goods sold through e-commerce channels?
5. Has there been any evidence uncovered that proceeds from online IP crimes, including those committed by transnational criminal organizations, have funded terror and other adversarial activities?
6. Given 21st century technology, should Congress consider updating the laws governing imports, such as section 337 of the Tariff Act, to include cross-border electronic transmission of IP-infringing content into the United States?