



SENT VIA EMAIL

July 24, 2018

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
2309 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
2109 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Nadler:

On June 28, 2018, the Senate unanimously provided its advice and consent to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled. The Marrakesh Treaty is a multilateral agreement that provides a framework for Americans with print disabilities to receive accessible format materials from other countries. At the same time, the Senate passed the Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act, S. 2559, and referred the implementing legislation to the House.

The undersigned stakeholders representing the disability, copyrights holders, and library communities strongly support the immediate passage of S. 2559. This legislation will make modest adjustments to United States copyright law to fully conform to the terms of the Marrakesh Treaty. The implementing legislation embodies a consensus approach which balances the need to expand access to information for people who are blind around the world with the responsibility to properly safeguard the interests of rights holders.

We urge the committee to move swiftly to discharge this legislation, and we urge the leadership of the United States House of Representatives to consider S. 2559 on the suspension calendar as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

American Council of the Blind  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Library Association  
Association of American Publishers  
Association of College and Research Libraries  
Association of Research Libraries  
Benetech  
Blinded Veterans Association  
National Federation of the Blind  
Perkins School for the Blind

cc: Representative Paul D. Ryan, Speaker, United States House of Representatives  
Representative Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader, United States House of Representatives  
Representative Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives  
Members, United States House Committee on the Judiciary