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To: Committee, CCWEA (Reps)
Subject: RE: Proposed Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill

I write as a director of the Aboriginal Artists Agency Limited, ABN 82 001 336 590, established in 1976 to protect the copyrights of Indigenous artists and to develop income from their intellectual property.

The proposed new laws relating to a royalty for artists from the resale of their work are far too conservative in scope in that access to the scheme for the majority of Indigenous artists and their families will be effective for future generations rather than those whose efforts helped build the present market.

As the present economic crisis will affect living artists, what is needed is a scheme which will provide an immediate benefit to those who have been waiting so long for justice on this issue. It is not as though there hasn't been bi-partisan support for the idea of a resale royalty and much public discussion over the past 5 years. As incomes for artists decline in a way not seen before now, this scheme could provide reassurance and stability to the market by an innovative and fair compensation for past practices.

Please re-think the way in which the scheme will exclude the first of the resales from the calculation of any royalty. This idea is unfair and unjust and will be seen as cynical ploy to introduce a scheme which has no teeth.

Yours sincerely,

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