

# **Joint Letter to The Honorable Richard Arme y, House Majority Leader**

## **In Opposition to H.R. 354, "The Collections of Information Antipiracy Act"**

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November 16, 1999

The Honorable Richard Arme y  
Majority Leader  
Capitol H-329  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Majority Leader,

We remain deeply concerned about a premature discussion of database legislation on the floor of the House in the next few days. Recent proposed revisions to H.R. 354, "The Collections of Information Antipiracy Act," taken as a whole, do not adequately address outstanding concerns.

We remain willing to work with the committees of jurisdiction to fashion a compromise that fairly addresses the concerns of all affected industries and associations, including the information technology industry and scientific, library, and educational institutions. We look forward to working with you and your staff once Congress has adjourned.

Respectfully,

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North Carolina State University Libraries  
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cc: Speaker Hastert, Chairman Bliley, Chairman Hyde, Chairman Dreier

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