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Dear James,

Thank you for contacting me to share your views on H.R. 3261, the "Stop Online Piracy Act," also known as SOPA. It is good to hear from you, and I would appreciate your continued input on important issues facing our nation.

H.R. 3261, and its Senate counterpart, S. 968, the "Protect IP Act," would authorize both the Attorney General and license and patent holders, to bring actions against online infringers operating an internet site or domain where the site is "dedicated to infringing activities." While I believe that copyright infringement and other illegal activity on the internet needs to be combated, H.R. 3261 goes too far and has far too many unintended consequences. If this legislation were to come to the floor in its current form, I would cast a No vote.

H.R. 3261 is currently under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee, whose Chairman announced that they would not move this legislation along further. In addition, Senate leaders have cancelled their planned vote on S. 968. At this time there are no plans for H.R. 3261 and S. 968 to move through the legislative process. Rest assured that I will closely monitor these bills during the 112th Congress, and I will continue to keep your views in mind.

Thanks again for taking the time to contact me. If you would like to learn more about my positions on the issues or stay updated on important developments in Congress, please visit www.kissell.house.gov and sign up for our E-Newsletter to keep you more informed of my work in Congress. Please check my website for more information. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Kissell".

Larry Kissell
Member of Congress