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Dear members and community partners,

Recently, a number of choral music publishers have, in both private and public communications, made distressing allegations that the activities of the lending libraries operated by Canada's Provincial Choral Organizations ("PCOs") infringe the choral music publishers' copyrights in choral sheet music and negatively impact choral composers and publishers in Canada.

We want to make it clear to our members and to the Canadian choral community at large that these allegations are false and that the PCO lending libraries have at all times acted in compliance with Canadian copyright law, in accordance with publisher's licence terms and in the interests of the choral community in Canada.

The PCOs have independently confirmed that sharing or lending legally obtained physical copies of sheet music, whether such physical copies are purchased as physical copies or are authorized printings of a digital copy, does not constitute infringement under the *Copyright Act* (Canada).

The top priority of the PCOs is the health and vibrancy of the Canadian choral community. The PCOs offer an array of projects and programs geared toward promoting Canadian choral composers, including reading sessions, workshops, composer residencies and commissions of work. Further, the PCOs consistently advocate for proper and consistent reporting and licensing remittances under SOCAN Tariff 4 by all their member choirs. The PCOs operate their libraries in a way that supports the vitality of Canada's choral landscape by upholding legal, fair and transparent practices.

The PCOs remain open to entering into collaborative discussions with choral music publishers about how to best serve Canadian composers, arrangers and lyricists.

Sincerely,

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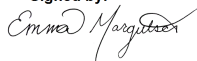
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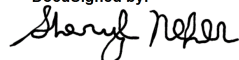
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