

Secretary
Senate Select Committee on the US FTA

May I add to my submission about the copyright implications for Australian authors and publishers.

Thomson in California, who I believe also publish our federal court transcripts, wanted not only a payment for copyright permission but were the only publisher of 30 or so to also want a publisher's indemnity, which would include our publisher using all reasonably commercial means to prevent unauthorized use, and hold Thomson harmless against all damages, losses, claims and expenses incurred by them or their affiliates due to the publisher's use of the materials beyond the express permission granted, something our publisher was not prepared to give. They also wanted the credit line to be a virtual advertisement for them, with website and phone number

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