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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to amend 17 U.S.C. §§
2 102 and 107 to protect creative workers against displacement
3 by artificial intelligence technology.

4 WHEREAS, Artificial intelligence (AI) technology has advanced
5 exponentially in recent years; and

6 WHEREAS, This technology is advancing dramatically in almost
7 all fields and, in some cases, even rivaling human ability; and

8 WHEREAS, These programs are producing written works, visual
9 art, music, computer code and more; and

10 WHEREAS, This creates an uncertain future for the creative
11 sector; and

12 WHEREAS, Changes must be made to minimize the displacement of
13 these workers; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
16 States to amend 17 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 107 as a means of
17 protecting creative workers against the threat of AI
18 encroachment; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the amendments include:

2 (1) Specification that only work created in majority
3 part by natural persons, that is, human beings, is
4 copyrightable.

5 (2) Clarification that work created in majority part by
6 any entity other than a natural person is inherently public
7 domain.

8 (3) Explication that the feeding of copyrighted works,
9 known as "scraping," into an AI program is not subject to the
10 fair use doctrine, being intrinsically harmful to the market
11 value of the copyrighted work.

12 (4) Any other changes that Congress finds prudent to
13 encode to protect creative workers and their works from
14 predation by AI;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
18 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
19 Pennsylvania.