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SENT VIA E-MAIL RE: COMMENT ON TOPIC 1--ELIGIBILITY FOR SECTION
108
EXCEPTIONS

Dear Ms. Rasenberger:

This is in response to the February 15, 2006 Federal Register request for comments on Section 108 of the Copyright Act.

With respect to the Section 108 Study Group's Topic 1: Eligibility for Section 108 Exceptions, American Association of Museums, on behalf of the museum community as a whole, strongly urges that the scope of Section 108 be expanded to include museums, given the similarity of their missions and activities to those of libraries and archives. As you know, this request is consistent with, and supports, the previously expressed views of those participants from the Study Group who are from the museum community.

As the national service organization representing the American museum community, the American Association of Museums' mission is to enhance the value of museums to their communities through leadership, advocacy and service. Since its founding in 1906, AAM has grown to more than 19,800 members, including more than 13,500 individual members, 3,100 corporate members, and more than 2,800 museums. It represents every type of museum, from art, history and natural history to zoos, aquaria, and botanical gardens.

Sincerely,

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