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Dear Ms. Shaheed:

On behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Global Intellectual Property Center, we welcome your recent announcement that the focus of the 2015 thematic report to the Human Rights Council will be the link between intellectual property rights (IPR) and cultural advancement. In crafting this report, we urge the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to highlight the fact IP rights are not a zero-sum scheme.

As you know, IPR—in copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets—provides the fuel for free expression, high-paying jobs and groundbreaking innovations. This includes promoting the production of, and access to, cultural and technological developments. Collectively, we as a society rely on the innovators who take risk head-on to solve many of the world’s most dire problems.

The notion that copyright or any other IPR inhibits access cannot stand. Creator’s rights to the commercialization of their inventions do not deprive consumers of access, but in fact enhance the availability and production of new technologies, cures for cancer, or trailblazing artistic works.

Information on how IP provides the world’s consumers access to innovation, creation, and technology can be found at [www.ipdelivers.com/issue/ip-delivers-access](http://www.ipdelivers.com/issue/ip-delivers-access). Thank you for your consideration of this letter and if you would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark Elliot

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