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Dear Friend:

Thank you for contacting me regarding H.R. 3261, the Stop Online Piracy Act. I appreciate hearing from you on this important matter.

As you may know, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R- Texas) introduced H.R. 3261 on October 26, 2011. A summary of the bill states it would prevent the online selling of counterfeit goods in the U.S., and expand international protections for intellectual property by removing "rogue" websites containing copyright-infringing material from the internet. H.R. 3261 has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

Over the past months many constituents have expressed to me their concerns with H.R. 3261, and I too share many of those same concerns. Currently, H.R. 3261 is being considered by the House Judiciary Committee. You may be interested to know that on December 16, 2011, the Judiciary Committee held a mark-up at which it considered twenty-five amendments to the bill. Chairman Smith adjourned the committee and stated it will continue to be considered when the House reconvenes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. At this time it is unclear whether the bill will reach the House floor.

While I am not a member of the Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over H.R. 3261, you may be certain that I will keep your concerns and views in mind as this bill is being considered in the House.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I appreciate having the opportunity to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. Please feel free to visit my website ([www.house.gov/burgess](http://www.house.gov/burgess)) or contact me with any future concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Burgess, M.D.  
Member of Congress

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