



## **Statement on Private Copying Levies**

Toronto, April 23, 2010 - The Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) today issued the following statement on private copying levies:

Our goal ultimately is to establish a thriving, legitimate digital music market in Canada in which artists, record labels and other rights holders are fairly compensated. No levy can or will ever replace such a market.

However, as an ancillary to a successful, legitimate market, private copying levies can play a role in compensating creators when designed correctly.

Canada's record labels have no issue with such levies when they are applied uniquely to private copies of legally obtained music. However, we do not support levies that effectively launder illegally acquired music into a legal format, where artists and other rights holders are paid a pittance.

### **About the Canadian Recording Industry Association**

The Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) promotes the interests of Canadian record companies.

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