

Before the
U.S. Copyright Office
Washington, D.C. 20540

In the Matter of:	)	
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Amendment to Regulations Governing Group	)	Docket No. 2026-5
Registration of Updates to a News Website	)	
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**COMMENTS OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)¹ hereby submits the following comments in response to the U.S. Copyright Office’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the group registration option for updates to a news website.²

The Notice proposes to amend the definition of "news website" adopted in the Office’s 2024 final rule to clarify that news websites reporting on a variety of subjects, including those focused on particular subject areas or audiences, may qualify for the group registration option.³ NAB supports the proposed amendment and appreciates the Office's continued efforts to refine its regulations based on implementation experience and stakeholder feedback. NAB also appreciates the Office's refinement of the deposit requirements in the 2024 final rule to better accommodate news websites for which the

¹ The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is the nonprofit trade association that advocates on behalf of free local radio and television stations and broadcast networks before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies, and the courts.

² *Group Registration of Updates to a News Website*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket No. 2026-5 (May 28, 2026) (Notice).

³ *Group Registration of Updates to a News Website*, 89 Fed. Reg. 56,654 (July 9, 2024) (codified at 37 C.F.R. § 202.4(m)).

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As digital publishing practices and artificial intelligence continue to reshape the creation, dissemination, and protection of copyrighted news content, NAB encourages the Office to continue modernizing the copyright registration system to ensure it remains practical, efficient, and responsive to the evolving needs of news publishers.

II. THE OFFICE SHOULD CONTINUE MODERNIZING THE COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE NEWS PUBLISHING

The proposed amendment appropriately reflects the ways in which news is published and consumed today. Many news publishers provide current events coverage focused on particular topics, such as local government, business, or sports, rather than attempting to cover every category of current events. Clarifying that these publishers may qualify for the group registration option promotes broader participation in the registration system and strengthens the ability of news publishers to protect their online copyrighted content.

This amendment also demonstrates the importance of periodically reassessing registration practices as technologies continue to evolve. The copyright registration system must remain responsive to the ways in which online news content is created, distributed, and protected – particularly for news publishers whose online content is frequently updated and increasingly vulnerable to unauthorized copying and other unauthorized uses in the digital environment. Efficient registration options are essential to ensuring that news publishers can effectively register their works and meaningfully enforce their copyrights. Accordingly, NAB encourages the Office to continue evaluating targeted refinements to the registration system as warranted by developments in technology and online news publishing practices.

III. CONCLUSION

NAB appreciates the Office's continued efforts to improve the copyright registration system and supports the proposed amendment. NAB encourages the Office to continue refining and modernizing the registration system as necessary to ensure it remains responsive to technological developments and enables news publishers to effectively protect and enforce their copyrights.

Respectfully submitted,

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