ORI TO PROTECT CONSUMER RIGHTS AT HOUSE JUDICIARY HEARING


Mr. Band will address three issues of paramount importance to retailers, resellers, charities, libraries and consumers across the United States.

- The “you bought, you own it” Supreme Court decision in *Wiley v. Kirtsaeng* -- which guarantees the right to resell a physical good without interference – should be left undisturbed.

- Copyright holders are gaming the decision and undermining legitimate owners’ rights by requiring a “resale license” on, certain goods that have an essential software component

- Europeans have better owners’ rights than Americans. Americans need permission to sell some items in Europe, but the same rules to do not apply in the EU.

Andrew Shore, Executive Director of ORI had the following to say. “We are thrilled that Chairman Goodlatte has agreed to hold this very important field hearing and that he has invited ORI to testify. Owners rights must be supported and defended, particularly when the right to resale is being undermined by copyright holders.”

Mr. Band and Deputy Executive Director Hillary Brill will be available for comment following the hearing.