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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM  
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Mr. Thomas D. Sydnor II  
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Dear Mr. Sydnor:

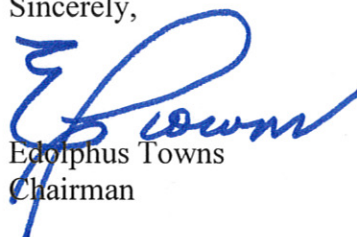
The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform writes to confirm the invitation for you to testify at the Committee's hearing on **Wednesday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.**

The hearing will examine dangers associated with peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing, including the problem of inadvertent file sharing and the privacy and security risks associated with the use of LimeWire software. You should be prepared to provide a five minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X clauses 1(m), 2, 3 and 4. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing.

We ask that you please contact the Committee by 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rangel or Neema Guliani of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Edolphus Towns  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Darrell Issa, Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

## Witness Information Sheet

The following is a summary of some of the pertinent rules and procedures applicable to witnesses testifying before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:

- Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Carla Hultberg, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to [carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov](mailto:carla.hultberg@mail.house.gov).
- At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions.
- House Rule XI clause 2(g)(4) requires that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity submit to the Committee in advance of the hearing “a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.”
- The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances; however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
- Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
- Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at [www.oversight.house.gov](http://www.oversight.house.gov).
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For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5051.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
Witness Disclosure Requirement – "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(4)

Name:

1. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) you have received since October 1, 2006.

2. Are you testifying on behalf of any entity other than yourself?

Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to question 2, answer questions 3 and 4. If you answered "No," sign and date the form below.

3. Are you testifying on behalf of a federal, state, or local government entity(ies)?

Name of entity(ies):

Yes  No

4. Other than yourself, are you testifying on behalf of any non-governmental entity(ies)?

Name of entity(ies):

Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to question 4, answer questions 5 – 8. If you answered "No," sign and date the form below.

5. List any offices or elected positions you hold.

6. Briefly describe the capacity in which you represent any governmental or non-governmental entity(ies), other than yourself.

7. Does the entity(ies) you represent, other than yourself, have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships you are not representing?

Yes  No

Name of entity(ies):

8. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) received since October 1, 2006, by the entity(ies) you represent, if the grants or contracts exceed 10% of entity revenues in the year received. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

Signature:

Date: