

Opponents of the Pro Codes Act and copyrighted laws

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Here are the entities who've opposed the Pro Codes Act publicly:

- American Economic Liberties Project (AELP)^{2,10,24}
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)¹
- American Library Association (ALA)^{1,10,12,18,24}
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)^{3,4}
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)¹⁷
- American Welding Society³
- Association of Research Libraries (ARL)^{1,12,24}
- Authors Alliance^{1,10}
- Center for Building in North America²⁴
- Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT)^{1,5,10,24}
- Center for Investigative Reporting, Inc^{10,24}
- Chamber of Progress¹⁹
- Copia Institute^{1,10}
- Creative Commons⁶
- Demand Progress⁶
- eBook Study Group^{1,10,24}
- Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)^{1,7,10}
- EveryLibrary Institute^{8,10}
- Fight for the Future¹
- Foundation for American Innovation²
- Freedom of the Press Foundation^{10,20,24}
- Free Government Information (FGI)²⁴
- Free Law Project²⁴
- GovTrack.us⁶
- IEEE³
- iFixit^{1,12}
- International Center for Law & Economics (ICLE)²²
- International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)²¹
- Internet Archive^{6,24}
- Library Copyright Alliance¹⁸
- Library Futures, NYU Engelberg Center^{8,10,12,2}
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) ^{8,9,10}
- National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors (NBBI)³
- North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB)¹⁷
- Public.Resource.Org (PRO)¹
- Repair.org¹
- Plural Policy¹¹
- Prime Access Consulting, Inc^{23,24}
- Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property Project on the Right to Research ^{1,10,24}
- Public Citizen¹
- Public Knowledge^{1,10,12,24}
- Public.Resource.Org (PRO)^{1,10,12,24}
- R Street Institute^{13,24}
- Re:Create Coalition^{10,14}
- Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press^{8,10,24}
- Republic Report¹⁵
- R Street
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)¹⁷
- Society of American Archivists (SAA)^{1,10,24}
- SPARC^{1,10,24}
- The Media Institute^{8,10,20}
- The Radio Television Digital News Association^{8,10,20}
- University Information Policy Officers (UIPO)²⁴
- UpCodes¹⁶
- Watch Duty^{10,12}
- Wikimedia Foundation^{1,10}

And these are opposed to copyrighted law, but haven't talked publicly about the Pro Codes Act yet:

- Atlantic Monthly Group LLC^{8,20}
- Cato Institute⁵
- County of Sonoma⁸
- Investigative Reporting Workshop^{8,20}
- National Press Photographers Association^{8,20}
- Pro Publica, Inc.^{8,20}
- Society of Environmental Journalists^{8,20}
- The American Society of Magazine Editors^{8,20}
- The News Leaders Association^{8,20}
- Tully Center for Free Speech^{8,20}

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Endnotes

1. Signatory to ARL's Pro Codes Act Opposition Letter (<https://www.arl.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pro-Codes-Judiciary.pdf>)
2. Signatory to ARL's June 2024 Pro Codes Act Opposition Letter (<https://www.arl.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Pro-Codes-NDAA-House-Rules.pdf>)
3. Cosigned Opposition Letter regarding Pro Codes Act (<https://ieeusa.org/assets/public-policy/policy-log/2023/071823.pdf>)
4. Blog Post by ASME (<https://www.asme.org/government-relations/policy-impact/the-pro-codes-act-remains-a-threat-to-safety-standards>)
5. Co-authored amicus brief in support of Public.Resource.Org in Supreme Court case - Georgia v PRO (https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/18/18-1150/119112/20191016121606259_No.%2018-1150bsacCDTandCatolInstitute.pdf)
6. Signatory to public interest group letter, 2023 (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/demandprogress/letters/PRO.Codes.Act.Letter.2023.04.27.Final.pdf>)
7. Call to Action from EFF "Tell Congress: Don't Let Anyone Own The Law" (<https://act.eff.org/action/tell-congress-don-t-let-anyone-own-the-law>)
8. Signatory to NAACP's amicus brief in support of Public.Resource.Org in the DC Circuit Case (<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/cfr/regulations.gov.astm.appeal2/D.C.%20Cir.%202022-07063%20dckt%20000%20filed%202023-01-27.3.pdf>)
9. Georgia NAACP Tweet (https://x.com/Georgia_NAACP/status/1864791316296520108)
10. Pro Codes Opposition Letter July 2025 (<https://www.arl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Pro-Codes-Opposition-Letter-July-2025.pdf>)
11. Plural Policy Article: The Pro Codes Act and Amendment 1082: A Step Backwards for Public Access to Law (<https://pluralpolicy.com/blog/pro-codes-act/>)
12. Cosignatory on amicus brief in ASTM v UpCodes in support of UpCodes, 3rd Circuit (https://www.eff.org/files/2025/03/31/astm_v._upcodes_as-filed_amicus.pdf)
13. R Street Institute Article: The Pro Codes Act attempts to copyright the law. But is it constitutional? (<https://www.rstreet.org/commentary/the-pro-codes-act-attempts-to-copyright-the-law-but-is-it-constitutional/>)
14. Public Statement from Re:Create Coalition (https://www.recreatecoalition.org/press_release/recreate-statement-on-keeping-pro-codes-act-out-of-must-pass-legislation/)
15. Article from Republic Report (<https://www.republicreport.org/2024/congress-should-reject-bill-to-let-private-groups-control-access-to-u-s-laws/>)
16. UpCodes Webpage "Help keep the law free by opposing the Pro Codes Act" (<https://up.codes/pro-codes-act>)
17. Letters to Congress (similarly to (3), they oppose even having to provide a hamstrung reading room) (<https://www.stopprocodesact.com/s/CEO-Letter-Opposing-Pro-Codes-Final.pdf>)
18. Testimony of Jonathan Band on Behalf of the Library Copyright Alliance (<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU03/20260421/119195/HHRG-119-JU03-Wstate-BandJ-20260421-U8.pdf>)
19. Chamber of Progress (<https://progresschamber.org/resources/letter-to-u-s-lawmakers-oppose-the-pro-codes-act-h-r-4072-s-4145/>)
20. Amicus brief in support of PRO in ASTM v PRO (<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU00/20240416/117162/HMKP-118-JU00-20240416-SD024.pdf>)
21. SDOs, Experts Agree: Pro Codes Act Must Be Stopped (<https://www.asme.org/about-asme/media-inquiries/press-releases/sdos,-experts-agree-pro-codes-act-must-be-stopped>)
22. PRO Codes Act: The Hidden Costs of 'Free' Standards (<https://laweconcenter.org/resources/pro-codes-act-the-hidden-costs-of-free-standards/>)
23. Amicus brief in support of PRO in ASTM v PRO (<https://www.eff.org/document/amicus-brief-prime-access-consulting>)
24. Cosignatory on public interest group letter, June 24, 2026 (<https://recreatecoalition.org/reports/recreate-coalition-letter-opposing-pro-codes-act/>)