

## **ANYCUBIC PHOTON OWNERS GROUP**

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## Dear Anycubic,

This is an open letter from the members of the Anycubic Photon Owners Group & Photonsters Project in response to Anycubic's recent public Product Installation Statement (PIS) released on 11th March, 2019.

Up until this recent PIS, the community felt that Anycubic was supportive and aligned towards the same goals, which is to provide the best solutions and experience to all Anycubic owners and users.

We have always respected Anycubic's Intellectual Property and we are, and have been open to working with Anycubic in a manner that is beneficial for both parties. We have even raised concerns when your IP may have been infringed upon, and have been entirely supportive.

However, Anycubic's recent official PIS, particularly Article 3 with the threat of legal actions, has caused the community of owners and users to become wary and very uncertain about the future of the collaboration between both parties.

As you know, a majority of the 3D printing community loves to tinker with their products and to share their experiences. This is very true of the Photon community as well.

By threatening legal action to your loyal customers, it has alarmed the community, and has really damaged Anycubic's brand.

## We, the community, therefore seek further clarification regarding your recent PIS:

- 1. We ask Anycubic to amend their PIS to a Maker and Community friendly alternative.
- 2. We ask that all legal threats be removed from the PIS.
- 3. We ask for better community engagement, and better support.
- 4. We ask for a liaison from Anycubic's R&D or Design Department. (For technical and design support).
- 5. We request a response from Anycubic to this open letter from the community.



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Furthermore, regarding the announcement of the new Photon-S;

As you know, the community has accumulated more than a year's worth of user experience, troubleshooting support, and improvement suggestions for a new printer. Expectations for the new printer was very high. But to our surprise the new Photon-S was released, and it did not fully meet the community's expectations despite the efforts.

Anycubic did not take into account all the constructive advice and improvements that the community and Photonsters have freely given. A majority of the suggestions were ignored. It is as though Anycubic did not listen or care, and this has made the community feel very disappointed.

Early in 2018, the Facebook platform of our current 10,000+ member group was shared with Anycubic in the hope and trust that it will foster a better collaboration between Anycubic and the community of owners and users.

However, with the announcement of the recent PIS, and the release of the underwhelming Photon-S, the core group of administrators and community members now feel that this trust may have been misplaced. Given no other choice, we may have to revisit the continuation of this partnership.

We therefore ask Anycubic to respond to this open letter, and to always keep in mind the loyalty and large contribution this community has made in supporting Anycubic's brand and products.

We thank you, and look forward to your positive response.

Signed,

Anycubic Photon Owners Group Admins and Community.