

Dear United States Copyright Office:

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposal to raise copyright registration fees.

The combination of challenging economic times and the rapid devaluation of professional photography services have created a difficult environment for many professional photographers to earn adequate wages and fees above their costs and expenses of doing business. The proposed increase in copyright registration fees serves to add additional costs to professional photographers, many of whom are already struggling to maintain their profession.

Also, Congress has failed to present and enact updated, fair, and effective legislation regarding copyright protection, piracy prevention, and intellectual property theft, legislation which is desperately needed to cope with the profound changes that technology have created. The proposed increase of copyright registration fees without the addition of desperately needed, revised copyright protection and piracy prevention legislation results only in harm to professional photographers without any benefits.

Thank you,
Douglas Klostermann