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US Copyright Office

To whom it may concern,

In light of the proposed legislation for an updated US Copyright Act, I would like to voice my opinion.

I have been a professional artist for 12 years. I have a college degree in Architectural Engineering but learned the art of woodworking on my own. But artistry comes difficult to me and thus, I care deeply about the protection of my work. Currently, my art is in the form of woodworking, but as I get older, the shift will be toward photography. It is hard enough to make income in those fields, therefore, I don't need others taking from me to profit for themselves.

In ether of medium, as well as all art mediums, copyright protection is an absolute must in the growing world of digital media and the Internet, as it is becoming more important for an artist to easily protect their works, not make it more difficult or more costly.

The proposed changes to the US Copyright Act would make protection of one's works exactly as mentioned above—more difficult and more costly. It also allows commercial entities involved in the process, which can only be a costly disadvantage to artists.

Please reconsider moving forward with this legislation and focus instead of increasing protection of copyrights, not reducing it.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Carson
artisan