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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

July 22, 2015

Dear Ms. Pallante,

Apparently it has become necessary, yet again, for artists to plead before congress regarding protecting OUR creative endeavors. This is an infuriating circumstance in that, YET AGAIN, we have to fight for our rights to create without the fear of our images/creative endeavors being stolen by other entities.

As a published illustrator and fine artist with over 3 decades of experience, I now am in fear YET AGAIN, that my images will be considered "orphaned" and therefore ripe for the picking by outside companies that had nothing to do with the commission of the artwork.

The creative process is both exhilarating and agonizing. This is how we artists make our living and are paid accordingly. Having our images used without compensation is pure THEFT.

I urge you to prevent this from happening and to protect creative visual artists of all stripes.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

David Galchutt