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Dear Copyright Office,

My name is Elaine Callahan, and my entire career has been in the creative fields of graphic design, fine art, and now art licensing, which all began in 1983 when I graduated from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania with a BFA in Communication Design.

My design and fine art have won several awards over the years. I am also a signature member in three watercolor societies.

I ask you with great respect to not encourage or support "The Next Great Copyright Act." Our copyrights are the products we license. To infringe on the work of artists is like stealing their money and their livelihood.

You would be knocking an industry to its knees, altering the lives and livelihood of countless artists that contribute to this country, and our society, on many levels, including financially.

It is vital to me and my business model to determine who may use my work and under what agreed-upon conditions.

I am creating an inventory to build up my business. While recognition is valuable to the value of my art, maintaining the copyrights is essential to survive and thrive as a business.

Would you propose to allow art from big companies such as Coca Cola to be treated in the same way?

Thank you in advance for not supporting this.

All the best,
Elaine Callahan