To whom it may concern,

I have been a working artist for over 30 years. I have spent many thousands of dollars over the years on education and materials. The very idea that some large internet companies want to be able to sell any image an artist may have posted online, to a third party without getting permission from the original artist and with no compensation to the original artist is reprehensible.

As to the registration process. If I only do 2 or 3 paintings a year, registering seems quite reasonable. But if I create 100's of paintings or drawings a year, registering each piece of art will become quite a burden, even if the registration process is free of charge.

I can certainly understand why companies would like access to millions of pieces of art that they can monetize without having to pay the original artists, but it's clearly wrong to do so.

Here's a good guideline for using a piece of art, if you can't find the original artist to get permission to use it, you can't use it.

Sincerely,
David Rawlins