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My name is Don O. Thorpe, and I have been a professional photographer and artist for 53 years. I have earned my entire livelihood as an artist. I have received many awards as an artist, and have been published in more than a dozen books, one of which I wrote and illustrated myself. Also I have been published in several international magazines.

I am opposed to “The Next Great Copyright Act” which would not protect my legal rights as an artist. The present copyright law protects my ownership of the art I produce, without that protection my art business would be almost worthless. Any infringement of my work is like stealing money from me. It is important that I am able to voluntarily determine how my work is use and by whom. Everything I create is part of my business inventory, and those creations do not lose their value when published. In this digital age, an artist’s inventory is more valuable than ever before. Please protect my rights.

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