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Re: Copyrights

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern that the copyright protection that artists have may go away.

I have been a professional and award winning painter for the last 12 years. Even after my work is seen by the public I still own the copyright unless I explicitly sell the image, (not the work, but the image itself). Some painting are still in my possession and I have allowed the use of them to be made in to posters. I still get a percentage of the sales/rental of those posters and I count on that money to help support my work as an artist. Even after I sell a painting or drawing, I can still earn money from that image as I use that image to sell prints and other items with my work on it.

My work becomes more valuable as more people see my work, not less so. Therefore to take away the copyright protection would cause great financial harm, not only to me, but to all working artists. Imagine what Walt Disney might say about his images being used without permission/payment. In fact, we know that Disney goes to a great amount of trouble and expense to protect their works. They are no different than the individual artist.

In closing, I trust and hope that you will continue to keep the copyright protection artists have.

Sincerely yours,

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