Hello,

I am a working cartoonist with intense interest in protesting the copyrights to my work.

As a daily syndicated cartoonist who has been working for over 15 years, I've produce over 5,000 individual pieces of art and continue to do so daily. A significant part of the income I derive from those works, comes from re-prints and re-use of individual cartoons and pieces of original art. Understandable, anything that weakens those rights directly impacts my income and my ability to make a living.

As I understand the discussion surrounding the current re-examination of copyright laws, there is some consideration of placing the burden of assuring copyright on the shoulders of the artists. Indeed, some reports haveit that each and every individual piece of art woule need to be registered to prevent it from being re-used by another party if that party only says it cannot identify or locate the source of the image.

This is impractical, unsatisfactory, unduly burdensome and, frankly, impossible.

Anything that requires enormous numbers of man-hours to preserve copyrights erodes any earnings derived from other man-hours.

Please preserve automatic copyrights on all works, and place more stringent burdens on the people seeking to use those works, not the ones producing them.

Thank you.

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