Dear Sirs:

Concerning the proposed changes in the United States copyright laws, I would like to add my prospective as an independent artist over the last 40 years. It is difficult enough, as an independent jewelry designer and artist, to protect the copyright on my intellectual properties, with the laws as they exist. The jewelry industry is notorious for its ability to copy and reproduce a designer's one of a kind creations. With the proposed changes to the existing copyright laws it would be impossible not only financially but also logistically to adhere to the proposed changes in order to protect the intellectual properties of a producing artist. The proposed changes, in my opinion, would throw the doors wide open for not only foreign but also domestic manufacturers to steal and reproduce intellectual properties. We have already seen a dramatic increase in these thefts and illicit production with the wide spread technological advancements in replication and communication. Therefore I submit to you that these proposed changes are irrational and counter-productive to the intention of the laws to protect and copyright intellectual properties.

Sincerely,

Frank Goss