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Copyright Office
Re: Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works

Dear Sir or Madam:

Frankly "The Next Great Copyright Act" should NOT be approved. Why? It would void our Constitutional right to have exclusive control of our work. In my humble opinion – our 'work' equals our mental creativity, our personal design and creations, our talent.

It would allow others to alter our creations and allow someone else to claim them as their own – this includes all visual art: drawings, painting, sketches, photos...past, present and future, published and unpublished; domestic and foreign.

Imagine, if you will, if the Mona Lisa was suddenly 'claimed' by Peter Cottontail or Winslow Homer's fabulous paintings that are 'claimed' by Charles Manson...this is what you would be allowing – and that's just the tip of the horrible iceberg.

I have been a published author/college teacher/publisher – both writing and designing images....and this new copyright law is not an abstract legal issue but the basis on which my business rests. My work does NOT lose value once it's published but increases and becomes part of our business inventory. And as the 'digital era increases this inventory is more valuable to all artists than ever before.

As an author/artist it is important that I control and determine how and by whom my work is used.

I respectfully 'insist' that this "Next Great Copyright Act' be sent to the shredder and I will be contacting my Congressmen as well.

Sincerely,

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