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To Whom It May Concern,

I have been an artist for 5 years. I have sold works both in the United States and internationally. I have also won many awards and had a painting that I created used by Random House for a book cover. I am 56 years old, have epilepsy, a pacemaker and other health issues that have caused me to leave my job of 20 years and collect disability. I am divorced and raising my youngest daughter who is 13 on a very limited income. I have been given a gift in creating my art. I see my works as an extension of myself. I create them for others to enjoy. But to change the copyright laws so that anyone can use my work as they see fit is not right. They are my works and I believe that entitles me to sell them as my own whenever and to whomever I choose. That is my right. I am proud of them. They will live on as a little part of me when I am gone. As for registering every work to a contractor, I can barely afford to paint now. I do it because I love it. Please stand up for us visual artists and protect our works with the copyright laws. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Holdsworth