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To Whom It May Concern;

Lord Almighty, photographers have taken a beating in the last decade and a huge % of them who have been in business for over 20 years have simply gone out of business.

Myriad reasons, but one big one – the internet. More specifically, piracy on the internet and piracy from big business who's motto is consistently "It's easier to apologize than to ask permission". These are the same corporations who know darned well that photographers rarely have the resources to take them to court for their usages with lack of permission. Hence, the need for copyright protection is critical to what is left of our industry as never before.

The Notice of proposed rulemaking on Copyright Fees simply feels like insult to injury to us. The current registration process fees are already quite costly both in terms of time and \$ involved to register everything for sole proprietors.

This, of course may not be an issue for corporations who also have a need to protect their property – only for small biz owners. By the way, last I heard -small biz owners are creating the majority of desperately needed jobs in the U.S. right now. There is so much misleading talk about what hurts small biz owners. This, however, is the real deal.

I know I speak for the 100 photographers I call colleagues,
3 words: NO, NO. NO.

Respectfully,
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