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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose any increase in the United States Copyright Office filing fees.

Making the registration process more expensive is not a way for the Copyright Office and the Library of Congress to fulfill its mission "To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries" (U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8)

To help the United States to maintain a competitive edge in the world economy, it's vital for authors and inventors to continue to produce works of value. Knowing that United States Copyright Statutes will protect their creations is essential to encourage innovation.

The substantial proposed increase in the fee schedule, especially in a slow economy would not be wise since it would likely discourage many who could not afford the fees to go forward with their efforts.

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