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Office of the General Counsel in the Copyright Office,

This is in response to your recent proposal to raise registration fees for copyright registration.

As a photographer I feel the fee increase is excessive and onerous. It is already too high to consistently register images, and the increase in fee to \$65 is too much, especially too much at once.

I find it hard to believe that it costs you \$65 to process a single electronic registration, for that matter I find it hard to believe that it costs \$35 to do it.

I feel you are using fees generated from these excessive fees to cover other money losing aspects of the government.

These proposed increases will be a strong deterrent to creative people to file registrations to protect their work – too costly. This makes it easier for work to be stolen and used without fear of prosecution under the copyright law in an era that is already too facilitating to misappropriation of creative work.

In conclusion I strongly oppose these new fee structures.

Disappointed
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