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TO: Copyright Office

Re: Objection to proposed increase in filing fees

The proposed rate increase for Copyright filing fees will be a big hardship on my small publishing company. We have been in business for 24 years, and have filed our registrations continuously as we grew from one to five newsletters (plus books). We have a small but loyal base of subscribers, but finding new subscribers is extremely difficult as is, and we are not in a position where we can raise our fees to pass your increase along to them.

Going from roughly \$3800/year to over \$7000/year -- that's the equivalent of about 16 subscribers to us and will be very difficult to absorb.

Perhaps instead of a unilateral increase and fee structure, the fees could be tiered based on the size of the company or publication or revenues that would take into account that not every publisher is the Washington Post or McGraw Hill.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
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