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To: Office of General Counsel, US Copyright Office

I am writing in regard to the proposal to raise copyright registration fees. At the current cost of \$35 per electronic filing not enough photographers take the necessary steps to register their images and protect their copyright because they feel that they have a hard time justifying the cost. An increase of 85% to \$65 for electronic filing during these tough economic times when we are desperately struggling to stay afloat in a declining industry will only serve to cause even fewer photographers to register their images. I can certainly relate to a need to increase fees to cover overhead, but photography is a struggling industry right now in a down economy; almost doubling the cost of the fee will do more harm than good because the overall volume of registrations will decline drastically at this price point. I urge you to please reconsider and if an increase is truly needed please keep it more in line with the current economic situation.

Respectively,

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