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To the copyright office.

It has been brought to my attention that the copyright office is raising it's rates to register 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)

As the registration stands now, I cannot afford to register our company's copyrights within the 3 months publication window because that would only cover about 90 of the 365 images we register annually. You also don't provide group online registrations. The process to register the works is time consuming, labor intensive and expensive as it is now. And, it offers very little protection.

The artwork I register are daily cartoons. The amount of money earned from a cartoon is very small and therefore, I can not justify registering the work within the 3 month window to qualify for statutory damages and attorney's fees because the majority of illegal use is for people/organizations that don't have deep pockets. The majority of work that is used without permission is under \$500 per use and would not justify a court case because of the expenses.

Regards,

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