

To: Copyright Office
Re: Proposed New Fee Schedules

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To Whom It May Concern,

As an independent, professional scientific illustrator, I am very concerned about the proposal to raise the copyright registration fees.

I have read the Federal Register/ Vol 77, No. 60 and the Proposed Rules and completely understand that the Copyright Office needs to work to recover it's costs for services. But a 14% to 86% increase for the most common registration fees that individual "authors" incur is so far beyond a typical annual or COL increase, it is unfathomable! My income certainly doesn't increase with such magnitude, nor can I be expected to continue using the services of the Copyright Office if the fees become prohibitive to me.

I am self-employed and need the safety resources provided by registering my works through the Copyright Office to protect against piracy. I do not have the personal means or luxury to litigate if my rights to authorship and copyright were violated, especially if I was up against a commercial business or corporation. My investment in protecting my work by registering it through the Office is my protection.

I implore the Office to research other ways to cut costs and maintain affordable fees for "authors.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Yours truly,

Marjorie Leggitt