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Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

I was recently made aware that there is an intention for copyright registration fees to increase rather dramatically. I am a freelance illustrator, and only make a couple thousand dollars a year on my illustrations. I haven't registered my illustrations for a number of years because the number of pieces and the fees were prohibitive; an increase of almost 100% on registration fees makes the cost completely prohibitive for me.

I read the text of the proposition and fully agreed with the mission of the Copyright Office, and its intention that registration should be affordable. However, this increase is unreasonably high, especially for registration of all other than single non-work for hire images. Illustrators often do works in series. I could not afford the proposed increase and am sorry to think that I cannot legally protect my images.

Thank you for your consideration.

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