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RE: Copyright Fee's

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposed fee's for copyright registrations.

As it is we are already burdened with the cumbersome task of registering our images or other works when we shoot hundreds or thousands of frames per day. Today's buyers are in a Shanghai mentality. Raising fee's would eat into our already shrinking profits with everyone (who can buy a cheap digital camera) lowballing everyone (professional's included) in this tough economy where everyone has to compete on price and not on the merits and the integrity of the photographers work. Raising the fees would be holding a gun to the head to those in the industry where digital piracy & infringement is ripe and forcing us to make a choice thus of either paying or not paying. Further more Attorney's are asking for vary large sums for retainer fee's to pursue infringements. Do not burden this matter any further by raising fees. Tax/fine the infringers instead for every DMCA takedown that is pursued...this will act as a deterrent to the already rampant digital world.

Sincerely,



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