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TO: United States Copyright Office
Library of Congress

SUBJECT: Copyright Office Fees (Docket No. 2012-1, 37 CFR Parts 201 and 203)

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the proposed new fees for the registration of photographs using Form VA through eCO or paper filings. The fees should not be increased.

The proposed increase in electronic photo registration fees from \$35 to \$65 would make it less likely for photographers to register copyrights to their photographs. As the former NFL Director of Photography for the National Football League for 16 years, I worked with hundreds of sports photographers who have a similar interest in keeping photo registration fees affordable enough for us to be able to register our lifelong collection of images.

As the President of SpinPhotos, Inc., I personally have a concern about the proposed fee increase. Increasing photo registration fees makes it less likely and prohibitively expensive for me and my company to register my 75,000 professional photographs (of NFL, MLB, and other sports) shot during the last 31 years.

Given the difficult economic environment and the impact of the current recession on photographers, I sincerely hope that the United States Copyright Office decides to leave the photo registration fees as-is. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

SpinPhotos, Inc.

Paul Spinelli
President

Sent via Electronic Mail