

April 26, 2012

To Whom it May Concern.

I write this letter to you in protest against the current proposal to increase “new fees for the registration of claims, recordation of documents, special services, Licensing division services, and processing of FOIA requests.” Including the registration of photographs.

A rate hike up to \$65.00 per submission is a steep increase, especially these days when photographers budgets and commission are already stretched thin. If a rate increase is necessary why can't there be a comprise of a \$5.00 - \$10.00 increase. To me that is a much fairer solution than to double the current rate. I feel that by 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)

Please remain to keep it affordable for the people to protect their works and property.

Please reconsider this rate increase to a much fairer and economically effective rate.

Sincerely,

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