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Register of Copyrights

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To the office of the Register of Copyrights;

I am an artist who has been working in the field of entertainment for 20 years. Copyright law is the framework that allows my work,
and the work of thousands of others, to be published and enjoyed by millions, while supplying a gainful living to myself and colleagues.
I have grave concerns about the proposed ammendments to copyright law.

1. What are the most significant challenges related to monetizing and/or licensing photographs, graphic artworks, and/or illustrations?
Theft, a lack of enforcement, and unlicensed distribution.

2. What are the most significant enforcement challenges for photographers, graphic artists, and/or illustrators?
Enforcement is time consuming and costly. International pirates make this even harder, as all laws are not the same.

3. What are the most significant registration challenges for photographers, graphic artists, and/or illustrators?
There are few challenges for registration.

4. What are the most significant challenges or frustrations for those who wish to make legal use of photographs, graphic art works, and/or illustrations?
Many seem to wish to legally obtain these images for free. This is not in the interest of those of us who derive our living from creating said images.

5. What other issues or challenges should the Office be aware of regarding photographs, graphic artworks, and/or illustrations under the Copyright Act?
Creators of photographs, graphic artworks, and/or illustrations earn their living from their ability to create and regulate the use of their own creations.
The proposed ammendments to the copyright act will further erode the ability of artists like myself to earn a living, by making it more difficult to control the
publication and distribution of our work. "Good faith infringement" is bad legal parlance; artists, who already have thin margins, will have the cost of enforcing their
copyright increase

Sincerely,

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