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Greetings Copyright Office,
or to Whom It May Concern;

After reading the notice PDF [Vol. 80, No. 79], it would seem now is a grand opportunity for me to speak up for myself, and perhaps for those who are simply too busy or otherwise unable. I will state now that I oppose the proposed change of copyright law on account that it simply does not seem necessary.

Stated in the notice, it has been acknowledged that piracy happens. Unfair use of imagery comes about, and there are multitudes of actions taken (at least, in attempt) against the perpetrators – Yes, unfortunately, it happens. Even worse is when it's intentionally unlawfully used. Accidental misuse of work can happen, too, but... how hard can it be to simply not claim something that isn't yours? It is unfortunate that this struggle can create a hefty workload for not only those who are responsible for maintaining the copyright law, but for those in pursuit of shutting down the unlawful use of their property. It's an emotional toll on both ends, surely! So I must ask: Why try and strike down our peace of mind? Or even our security and faith in the working world? Keeping the laws fair as they have been have provided a safety net for all the artists, photographers, etc. out there. Let's not have anyone try fighting off our Constitutional rights!

I am an artist myself, I would suppose. I enjoy crafts, music, and other creative outlets. I may not be fantastic at what I do, but I know there are people who *are*. People who are absolutely devoted to their work; it's their passion if not their life. It causes me grief to see or hear about unfairly used works and/or pieces of art, especially for those who have outstanding skills, who have dedicated many hours into what they do. Please don't pull the peg out on us. We are the owners of our own work. We feel safe knowing that. We do not feel safe with this new proposed law. I feel the new proposed law is set to pave way to benefit those who do not create, those who want to take and steal so long as it saves them a penny. I implore you to ditch the new proposal for the sake of keeping us safe.

Please hear us!

Regards,

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