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Dear Ms. Pallante,

I am a self-employed, full time freelance art director, designer and illustrator working mainly in the field of children's literature for over 40 years. I have paid taxes on my income for all of that time and thus contribute to the national good. The images and designs I create are all unique to my personal style, making my work recognizable and attributable to me, which is vital to establishing my worth. My website acts as a library of those images toward obtaining additional clients, through requests for new art and for reuse of images. If any online visitor is permitted without fear of penalty to download the art for their own use without payment to me, I am victimized and cheated. Therefore, I am asking you to maintain policies that protect visual authors and their exclusive rights.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Chris Schechner