Sir or Madam:
In regard to plans on changing current copyright law when it comes to visual arts, I pray you will keep current protections in place. Constitutional rights giving us control of our work is vital to visual artists. It has come to my attention there are those who would force struggling artists to register work commercially at some cost. For those of us who are free-lance or fine artists our work would be “Orphaned” and therefore at the mercy of any entity who wished to use it without our knowledge, for any purpose and without any monetary compensation for the loss. With internet it means if we share our images to prospective clients, as we must, we must accept those images could be used or altered and copyrighted under some other name. In other words, copyright infringement would be allowed if not encouraged. Such a law would allow theft and force many artists to leave the profession.
Sincerely,
Caroline Niesley