Dear copyright office,

My name is Bryon Wackwitz. I am a self-employed artist/illustrator and business owner. I have been illustrating for over 25 years and I am best known as one of the original artist for the “Magic the Gathering” collectable card game. It has come to my attention that your office is about to change the current copyright laws by requiring me and every other creative in the US to have to register anything we do in order to have copyright protection with a private for profit company. In a nut shell this is insane. I have many sketchbooks which detail my expressive ideas, under current copyright laws everything in that sketchbook is protected by my country’s copyright protection laws. With your new changes I will be forced to photograph every single page in every one of my sketch books, every piece of art I have ever done and not only create a form for each one, but pay for each image in order for to have copyright protection. The problem is if I were a multi-million-dollar firm with a staff of employees just to do this, well….but I’m a self-employed artist, I have neither the resources nor time nor the money to do this.

It seems in the last few decades our government has been punishing small business and individuals for being small, or poor. This seems another attempt at giving all rights to the big corporations and individuals with money and screwing the small honest American. If this is put through your office will be making it easier for plagiarism and for big companies to steal the labor of the average American….are you trying to bring back monopolies and create a corporate feudalism? Is this office actively trying to undermine the average creative American? Has this office sold out completely? If you pass this reform you will effectively have turned this nation into a version of the USSR. Do not do this, do not make me regret being an artist in America, do not make me regret being a citizen of one of the (used to be) greatest nation on earth.