Dear Sirs,
I appreciate the opportunity to express my feelings toward the copyright revisions, as I understand them. I was informed by the Society of Illustrators/ Los Angeles that you are looking into changes to the copyright to make them more appropriate to today's times, in particular, the digital aspects of this world.

But, the proposed changes negatively effect my ability to duplicate and protect the creative act in order to thrive in other ways, possibly in coming years.

I have one degree in advertising design from a university in Louisiana as well as degree in illustration from the prestigious Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA. I am a tenured member of the Society of Illustrators/ Los Angeles, one time board member of the LA chapter of the Graphic Artist Guild and chairperson for the United States Air Force Art Program.I've made a hard fought living in storyboard design and illustration for the last 35 years. In my opinion:

- Copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis which my business rests.
- Our copyrights ARE the products we license.
- This means that infringing on work is analogous to stealing our money.
- It's important to our businesses that we remain able to determine voluntarily how and by whom our work is used.
- your work does NOT lose its value upon publication.
- Instead everything you create becomes part of your business inventory.
- In the digital era, inventory is more valuable to artists than ever before.
- Infringing on our work is like stealing our money.
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Approving the changes proposed sets in motion a whole new paradigm where little profit is afforded the creator. I am against any changes or legislation that profits from the creative mind with little or no respect to the creator whether it is the visual arts, music, fashion design, book illustration, novels, publications, photography or any other creative act.

Once again, I'd like to give my appreciation to the Copyright Office for inquiring from the many talented artists of so many disciplines their thoughts about the proposed changes to be presented to Congress for consideration.

My creations are mine, ad infinitum!

Ben Bensen III