To the U.S. Copyright Office -
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As an illustrator, cartoonist, animator, and all around visual-focused artist I am very worried about the recommendations you are making next week regarding new Copyright law.

Under this proposed new law, a heavy burden would be placed upon me to file every piece of Work I create with a for-profit licensing office of some kind. As an independant artist already short on money and time, I simply do not have the resources to handle this.

I create a lot of Works related to the fields I mentioned earlier, and I feel the burden of paying to register all of this, constantly, as they are created, is not fair to artists like myself. I don't trust "Good Faith" to work itself out in this case - it comes off as a vague and easily-exploited setup.

Many of my peers already deal with theft or unauthorized misue of their Works - a now classic example is an artist's Work being printed onto T-Shirts and sold by a stranger without their knowledge or permission. I believe these new laws would only increase the occurrence of these acts.

Thank you for hearing me out.

- Bill Cass