I am a professional illustrator/graphic designer/product designer. Creating original artwork is how I make my livelihood. If you change the copyright laws so that I have to register and pay money to a third party organization just to have copyright to my own work, I may as well give up trying to create anything. That is an expensive and tedious process. As long as I can prove I created something I should not be obliged to pay money to register it with a for profit organization. As it is American artists have to compete with numerous artists from around the world who are flooding stock image sites with artwork and are fine getting a lot less money for it because the lifestyle in these countries is more inexpensive. Changing the laws will only further deteriorate American artists' rights.

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