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U.S. Copyright Office

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views concerning the possible changes in the copyright laws.

I have been working as an illustrator and designer since 1978. Some of my experiences have been in house in major companies; I have however had a freelance business since 1984.

The changes in mind would have an immediate negative impact on my ability to protect the copyright on my illustrations. It takes a good education in an art college, years of developing ones craft, and countless hours of research and development to create viable designs for today's marketplace. The majority of my art is created in collections, that I understand can be copyrighted in groups. However, for full protection one needs individual copyright on each design, which can become a very expensive proposition. The companies that license my art, also have a right to know that the pieces are available for publication, and that competitors will not have the ability to use them without my consent.

It is also a must to have one's art online, on a variety of sites, which opens the doors for more theft. I always have my name and a © symbol on each piece which make it very clear the the art belongs to me. I truly don't see how any of our works could be used by companies who have not created the pieces, under any circumstance.

I hope that our members of congress will gain more clarity on the issue, and keep the laws intact.

Thanks again.

Best Regards,

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