To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in protest any copyright reform regarding artists have exclusive control over their work.

I want to tell you my story. I have painted ever since I was a child. I was encouraged by art teachers to go to art college, but my parents did not allow me to do so. I went into the business world and at every opportunity, I painted. In my late twenties I borrowed money to go to art school. I followed my dream and it has been very difficult at times over the years where I have worked three different jobs to support my art. I have spent thousands of dollars on creating and marketing my paintings.

All my creative talent, my time, my money has gone into my paintings. The way I can make a living is by receiving royalties from the use of my artworks and my unique talent.

There are incredible stories of suffering, courage and heartache that many artists experience for their art. Do not belittle mine by making it available to anyone for free.

Let me be recognized for my talent and everything I have put into my art by letting me earn money from the use of my images.

Thank you,

Cynthia Duncan