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To The US Copyright Office:

It has just come to my attention that a new copyright law is being considered. This law would void my Constitutional right to the exclusive control of my work and would allow the public to use my work in whatever manner they chose, either as is or by adding and/or subtracting things that were not in the work. They could even leave my signature on the piece so unsuspecting viewers would think this was a communication from me (which all my art is.) I communicate in a visual manner, my thoughts, feelings and impressions of the world. This law would allow people to take my work and change it, use it without paying me, and basically destroy my business.

My education was from the University of Southern California where I attended and graduated from the School of Architecture. After becoming licensed in California and also obtaining my National Certification (NCARB), I owned my own practice for many years. As I became older, I transitioned into work in watercolor. My art has been selected into international shows and has won many local awards as well. This is a source of great pleasure and pride to me as well as an income source.

Please reconsider creating havoc for all the visual arts. We need to have control over our creations and this potential infringing would basically be like stealing money from our pockets.

Thank you in advance for your understanding of the issues.

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