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Maria Pallante
Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101 Independence Ave, SE
Washington, DC 10559-600

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (80fr23054)

Dear Ms. Pallante,

I am a self-employed full-time freelance illustrator, providing artwork for children's publications and printed materials for over 25 years. I've paid local, state and federal taxes on my income over all of those years thus contributing to the national good. I have created my own SEP plan, so my income has been essential. The images I create are all unique to the personal style developed over those years, making my work recognizable and attributable to me, which is vital to establishing my worth. My website acts as a library of those images toward obtaining additional clients, through requests for new art and for reuse of images. If any online visitor is permitted without fear of penalty to download the art for their own use without payment to me, I am victimized and cheated. Therefore, I am asking you to maintain policies that protect visual authors and their exclusive rights.

Thank you for this opportunity to register my views on copyright and visual artists.

Anni Matsick