Copyright Office,

My name is Brad Crooks. I've been a professional photographer for over 35 years. I've been an active member of PPA (Professional Photographers of America) and ASMP (American Society of Media Photographers). I sat on the Board of ASMP Colorado for three years. I was part of a large family owned and operated photography studio in Chicago for over twenty years. After that I freelanced (successfully). My photography has appeared in over forty major US newspapers including New York Times, Boston Globe, Detroit Free Press, Chicago Sun Times, etc. I' m currently moving my business online...

Copyright Law is foundational to my business. My copyrights are the products I license. Infringement on my photography is nothing short of theft. Because I lease (license) my images over and over while keeping the copyright, my work does not lose value upon initial publication. It becomes part of my business inventory. Since moving online this inventory is more valuable to me than ever.

Since I have an inventory of thousands of iphotos and add thousands more annually it's extremely important to me how images are protected. To have to register each image separately would put me out of business. Please maintain the current copyright process.

In no way do I welcome anyone monetizing my photos without my knowledge and permission. The theft of online images has to stop.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Brad Crooks