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Dear CopyrightOffice

I'm writing in reference to the hearings regarding the drafting of a new copyright act.

I am an artist who for over 30 years, I have produced acrylic, watercolor and graphic arts. My undergrad degree is in fashion design, and I continue to pursue art education through college courses and workshops.

In my view, copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis on which my business rests. Copyrights are the products I license.

It's important to my businesses that I remain able to determine voluntarily how and by whom my work is used. Therefore, I don't think that reforms allowing large internet firms to farm artist's works without paying for the work is appropriate.

My work does NOT lose its value upon publication. Instead everything I create becomes part of my business inventory.
In the digital era, inventory is more valuable to artists like me than ever before.

Infringing on my work is like stealing money from my business.

Please respect the rights of artists by NOT approving this effort to reform copyrights without considering the negative impact on those of us who spend many hours working on our crafts.