Copyright Protection Comments

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I am distressed to learn at this 11th hour of the attempts to “grab” the rights to all the photos I have ever made with great effort, or shared with my friends on the internet.

I am a 71 year old who has been a serious photographer for the past 30 years, and have the web pages to prove it. I am attempting to sell my best works, and many of these have been prize winners. Keeping control of the copyright on these is not some abstract notion. I have had copyright infringement issues before.
To be forced to let others claim copyright on material they would not otherwise be able to produce seems to fly in the face of all legalities. It’s the propagation of lies. It is an infringement on my own sales of my own works. Their hands have no business in my pockets. All my many pictures on my web pages are my sales brochure. They are my inventory.

I feel it’s my right to choose who may use my pictures, and how they will be used. I am very adamant that no one should be able to profit from the use of my inventory without my express consent or knowledge.
This seems to be another attempt by big business to ‘stick it to’ the little independent photography businesses. These large companies have no rights to my inventory unless I specifically say so. The proposed changes are an attempt to legalize theft. One cannot just walk into a store and take home their inventory without first paying for it. No company or organization is large enough to justify such actions.