To the US Copyright Offices,

I am writing to explain that the copyright laws should reinforce the issue of being creative and encouraging that creativity. I have been a working artist for over 25 years. The creation of art, ideas, and images is my livelihood. If my work is to be jeopardized due to copyright infringement I would no-longer be able to continue as a working artist.

I work in publication, selling in galleries, teaching and instruction to both children and seniors. Copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis on which my business exists. it is the product, that I license. Infringement would be similar to stealing any money I would be able to produce, on my own. It is important to me that I have the ability to determine voluntarily how and by whom my work is to be used, that it be by my consent that it is utilized, no others.

Art does not lose its value upon publication it gains more in reputation especially on where it is published. My inventory of works presented in the digital format is a valuable asset I would hate to lose.

The most significant challenge I face as a Designer is keeping my work, mine.
Gaining the revenue for myself. I will continue to upload images with my signature and watermarks to protect my livelihood, in the digital age we live in.

My challenge is that I create on a daily basis and to copyright each and every image would be prohibitive. I select those that I feel have a chance of creating a revenue base and go from there.

I do not wish to spend my time in litigation. Who really has time for that.
I am here to create and share my joy and knowledge with those that find it rewarding.

Please make it easy for all of us to do what we do best as creatives!
Best regards,
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