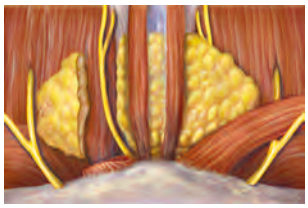

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US Copyright Office

Dear Representatives - I have had a career in medical illustration since graduating with a masters degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1985 - 30 years ago. Over that period of time, I produced illustrations for publication, patient education and demonstrative evidence for trial use, always making sure to retain copyright on all of my work.

Now that I am nearing retirement, being copyright owner is vitally important: as the amount of new work that I can produce has dropped, my income relies on reselling licenses permitting use of my existing work.

To take my work and allow it to be freely distributed, infringed upon and legally altered is thievery as well as destroying my income and career.

I am against changing the copyright law for the benefit of padding the databases of large corporations.

Sincerely;

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