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To the US Copyright office,

I have been a professional artist for over 30 years. My life's work is in my art. I graduated from Brigham Young University, worked as an art director in advertising, then, have been painting, writing and teaching for 20 years. Creating Original art is a major effort and I have no respect for anyone who uses someone else's art or work and claims it as their own.

Copyright law is not abstract. It is absolute. If you design it - You own it. No one else should be able to use your work. My copyright is all that I own, infringing my work is like stealing my money. I want to be able to determine how my work is used.

My work does not lose value upon publication, in fact it gains value. The internet is a major method of getting my work out there for people to see and purchase. It is the world's gallery.

Everything I create is in my inventory, even if the original has sold, I own the right to publish it, print it, sell it, no one else does unless I sign away this right.

This is a basic freedom that should continue to be guaranteed for all artists, and photographers, and writers. **Plagiarism** should not be allowed in any circumstances – the copyright laws should protect the creators, in art, photography, music, writing, and other creative endeavors.

Do not allow widespread commercial infringement of new work by living artists.
Do make It easy for artists to protect their work.

When considering the 2015 Orphan Works and Mass Digitization Report, please protect the rights of artists.

Thank you,

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