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US Copyrights Office

I am a professional artist and oppose the changes to the current laws. The proposed changes would be damaging to me if I loose the copyrights to my work.

My educational background is that I studied for 3 years at the School of Visual Arts, 5 years at the Art Students League in NY and received a BA in Art History from CCNY.

Currently I am president of the American Watercolor Society, the oldest and most prestigious art organization in America. I feel that the proposed legislation would harm many of our members and all artists in general. Many artists make a living from their creation and from the reproduction of the art.

The quality and value of their art does not diminished after it is published. In fact, it makes it more popular and in demand. In fact everything that and artist creates becomes part of their inventory.

In this digital era our inventory is more valuable then ever.

Respectfully yours,

Antonio Masi
President of the American Watercolor Society