To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern towards proposed changes regarding copyright law.

As an artist as well as a supporter of the arts, I take the matter of copyright rather seriously, as it is how many of my friends and colleagues make their living. As it currently stands, art (visual and otherwise) are automatically protected by law, and this allows artists to protect their intellectual property.

However, forcing artists to register their art for protection will inhibit their ability to support themselves. It is difficult enough to earn a living in most artistic fields, and requiring an artist to pay money and file claims (effectively, unpaid time off) will further aggravate their problems.

I hope that you will reconsider the new proposal and keep in mind the thousands of self-employed skilled workers who continue to train and study to do what they love despite the inherent hardships. After all, these artists not only make decorations and gallery pieces, but are also a cornerstone of commerce, designing logos, fonts, and concept art for companies and products.

Sincerely,
Brian Taylor