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Attn: Copyright Office

From: Cristina Bruce-Kaiser
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For the past 15 years I have been creating mostly digital illustrations for greeting cards and invitations. Coming up with ideas is not easy. When I try to get inspiration, I do look at other artists' arts, but I make sure I NEVER copy anyone's art.

It is sad how many people think "I can do that," but if they try, they can't. The ability to create a beautiful or clever or funny (or perhaps angry) illustration comes from a force from within. It is the same as a surgeon performing a life saving operation. Granted, we are not saving sick people, but art can be healing.

I am a conservative voter and prefer not to have too much government in our lives. I work as much as I can to supplement our household income: between selling custom stationery and greeting cards, and working as a substitute teacher in the primary grades.

Please protect our hard work by not letting the big corporations take advantage of our artwork. Companies should pay royalties for the use of our art. Do not allow the lobbyists to take advantage of us. Most of them have caused more trouble to our country and citizens.

Sincerely,

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