Dear Copyright Office,

I have been a professional artist for 20 years. I solely conceive, create, and paint original oil and watercolor paintings which I sell through physical galleries (vs. on-line galleries). My work has been published in numerous books and magazines, including *Artist's Magazine*, *Watercolor Magic Magazine*, and *Splash 4 and 5*, *The Best of Watercolor: Figures* books. I have won numerous awards for my work. My work has been displayed in numerous one person and group shows. I am a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and a member of Oil Painters of America. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University.

My heart and soul goes into every painting I create. My paintings are my sole source of personal income. **I am very much against any new copyright law that would take away my Constitutional right to the exclusive control over my work and how it is used, whether it is "registered properly" or not.**

Sincerely,
Leslie Barber
DBA Leslie Rhae Barber, and Leslie Balleweg