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Dear Copyright Office,

I am a painter and photographer who has recently become aware of newly proposed copyright laws. I feel that the newly proposed copyright legislation will be detrimental to painters, photographers, illustrators, musicians and writers.

When I was working as an illustrator, my copyright protection and ability to negotiate publishing rights was extremely important to my income.

I also feel that the process using a private licensing is going to be a financial hardship to professional as well as semi professional artists.

I use social media, websites and blogs to promote my work. As the copyright laws stand now, my work is protected upon completion of the work.

I urge the Copyright Office to fully look into the pros and cons of using a Collective Society (Copyright Clearance Center) and how the artist and illustrator does not see financial benefit to the sharing of their work .

Thank you,

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