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To all it concerns;

I am an artist. I create wonderful paintings and gifts. Copyright laws protect my work from being stolen or used without my consent. Our world is changing fast and with the internet and digital forms of artwork, copyrights are even more important than ever. If any person can 'copy' and print up one of my paintings for free or for sale through their website without my permission and without paying for the use the use of my work, as a business person I am loosing income and sales to fraudulent businesses. Copyright laws are there to protect the artists, not to protect companies or businesses whom appropriate the artist's work without due diligence and permission.

Copyright laws need to keep protecting the creators, not lobbyists and companies looking to appropriate artwork for free and then resale it.

Please do your job and work for the people, it may not be the easy road but it is the right path. Stand up for the creators, the dreamers, and the ones who share their art with you, not the squeaky wheels who want something that does not belong to them.

God bless America!

Sincerely,

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