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Maria Pallante
Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101 Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC, 20559-6000

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (docket No. 2015-10)

Dear Ms. Pallante and the Copyright Office Staff:

My name is Marian Lansky. My husband and I are regionally known artists, working in the upper midwest, making a living for our family through our artwork. We have experienced seeing our art used without permission for monetary gain on the internet. To us, this is theft, but it's something we have learned to live with. To make this kind of appropriation legal, feels like legalizing plagiarism, to us.

It is never easy to make a living as an artist, but the proposals made to Congress will make this even harder.

I am writing to ask that you please recommend that visual art be excluded from any orphan works provisions Congress writes into the new copyright act.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Marian Lansky