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Please do not change the current copyright law that says something like any work created by an artist today is protected by copyright without having to have it registered.

I am a visual artist and I can't afford to register every painting I create. I just recently found out that an online site called Wallpart has been stealing some of my artist friends' images. I looked on the site, and I found where they stole an image of one of my recent paintings as well. Frustrating!

If you change the law to make it where I would have to spend $69 to register every painting I do, I think that I, along with many other artists, might be discouraged to the point of "why bother creating and sharing anything anymore?"

To date, I have been exploring mediums and styles. I have finally discovered the way I would like to create paintings to create a huge body of work. Perhaps I should just keep these to myself, eh?

I understand that there are some things that should probably be changed in the law, especially in dealing with things created in the past, but please don't allow big internet or digital storehouses to be able to buy things up and then charge the rest of us to use them. That's not right, either.

Thank you,

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