RE: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, U.S. Copyright Office [Docket No. 2015–01]
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works

7/22/2015

Dear Lawmakers and Copyright office,

I have been an artist for over 30 years. Please do not let the lobbyists and corporation lawyers who know nothing about art, sway you into thinking that once a piece of artwork has been published it has virtually no further commercial value and should therefore be available for use by the public. This is NOT TRUE.

Please be aware that artwork may be published by the artist who created the image many times in many forms (i.e. periodicals, cards, prints, posters, etc.). The public, corporations and the internet being able to steal our artwork and profit from our labor and creativity is in fact stealing our money.

I humbly suggest that you spend time trying to curtail internet pirates and corporations from stealing artwork form creative professionals. In today's internet world many artists, myself included, post our images which are for sale on line and on our web sites as well as other gallery and artist websites. Often, even before we sell an artwork, some people (pirates, corporations) will try to steal our images and reproduce them without paying us for our work.

Please use your influence to help your constituents instead of depriving them of their livelihood.

Sincerely,
Li Turner, artist