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To Copyright Office,

I have just learned that there are proposed changes to the copyright laws that could greatly impact my art work–my products. I am primarily a watercolor artist and promote my works online both on my own website through Weebly, Facebook, through participation in local and national shows. I am required to submit digital images of my work. Digital images are often my way of presenting and marketing my work. It is my understanding that my art work is protected under the current copyright laws. But that changes to the law may allow sites or visitors or viewers of my work to copy, modify or reuse my work and designs without my permission. This would result in hardship and potential loss of income, much like Samsung "borrowing" copyrighted designs from Apple.

My pieces both very personal as well as intellectual capital; they are my designs, inventory, my product in business terms. Please continue to respect the work and business of artists and afford us protection under the copyright laws.

Thank you for your consideration and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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