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

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante & U.S. Copyright Office Staff:

I am a non-professional artist and I am extremely upset at the idea that I can lose control of my art, and have it usurped and monetized by someone without my consent. I do not want my work to be considered available for use by others without my clear permission and compensation. The idea that a painting or photograph of mine could be altered and that this derivative work could then be used and registered by someone else is abhorrant. Please protect the work of all artists, many of whom are already operating on a shoestring, who cannot afford to register all their work, by protecting us from having our creative work stolen.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Michele R. Unger

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