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Dear US Copyright Office,

It is my understanding that there is a possibility the copyright laws could be changed in such a way as to take away the ability for me to make a living as an illustrator.

I create images for just about every product you can imagine; companies pay me a fee for the right to use my art on their products. If the new law makes it harder for me to keep sole rights to my images, I lose my income -- it's that simple.

If one of my illustrations is used without my permission, I lose money not only from that particular occurence but also from any other deal I might have made for a similar use because companies all want to present an exclusive face to their consumer.

Specifically regarding the proposed requirement of an artist to register each and every image rather than having automatic ownership upon completion of the work -- artists like myself might create two or three hundred pieces in a year's time. Not only is it unaffordable and unwieldy to register each and every image, do you really want the copyright offices to be inundated with this many requests?

Please reconsider the proposed changes to our current law.

Regards,

Laurie Cook