July 23. 2015

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Copyright Office,

As a professional Artist, I am asking you to do what you can to protect my life's work, my income and my reputation and please vote AGAINST the "Next Great Copyright Act."

The proposed changes to copyright law would be devastating to me, to my fellow artists and to my family.

Art is my only source of income, and has been my entire adult life. Known as the "Artist of Energy, I have artwork in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution and twelve other national museums.

Digital images of my creations are made into Giclées, fine art reproductions which galleries sell so that I can make a living.

After many years, I've managed to license images on other ancillary products such as books, calendars, posters and coasters as well.

Keeping control of my own inventory of work is vital to my existence as a professional artist. For me to continue my work, the ownership of my intellectual property, my art images, and the sole ability to license my art – my blood, sweat and tears – must be protected.

My images must be protected, not only for me, but for my children and their heirs.

Being an artist is already such a struggle! Please don't allow anyone to destroy what I've worked my whole life to accomplish.

PLEASE protect us! Please vote against this life-changing destructive bill.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely,

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