To: Copyright Office

Re: Copyright Acts

I am a professional artist. I have been creating art for a living since 1994. I have a Master's Degree from George Washington University and BFA from Maryland Institute, College of Art. Over the years I have created works for private homes owners and businesses. I work currently work in oil paints and pastels. Many of my past works were created in acrylic paints as murals both inside homes and outside exposed to the general public. These works are protected under current copyright laws as they are created by the visual artist.

There is great concern of the new proposed copyright laws. My creations even if it were created for a client or purchased after creation does not give the general population the right to take work done by my hand and re-purpose it for their financial use. It is important to my business that any work that I create I maintain the copyright. If I chose to make posters, tee shirts, etc. using my image I earn a living using the image. If others are allowed to take my images without my permission, create their own line of merchandise without any compensation to myself, I lose out on income.

When a work is created and sold it does not lose it value, it generally increases in value over the years. This is evident in the latest sales of works like "The Scream" by Edvard Munch. I have created exterior murals on historic buildings and they have enhanced the building, helping to increase its value. This is not an abstract legal issue, it is how I make my living, my business, my copyright on my art.

Please do not let others profit from my creative work.

Thank you, Linda Harrison-Parsons

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