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To US Copyright Office:

Please do not revoke the right of automatic copyright of my artwork. As an independent working artist I need the ability to sell my work on line or in the marketplace with confidence that no one has the right to usurp my designs and sell it as their own. I cannot afford to pay to have every piece of art I create registered. As you well know, the art field is competitive and under compensated and artists of all ilk struggle to stay afloat.

It certainly does not support the arts and individual enterprise to make this counterproductive change to the existing laws.

I am currently a member of Fort Myers Beach Art Association, San Cap Art League, SW Florida Pastel Society, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Plein Air Artists of West Michigan, and International Society of Experimental Artists. None of which will support your change in policy.

Thank you,

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