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

Dear Ms. Pallante,

As an Illustration Agent, I a writing to you to express my concern over the proposed reforms to the copyright law. I represent over 30 illustrators to the children's publishing market. I know first hand how difficult it is for illustrators to sustain a healthy income. *It is paramount to an artist's survival, to control and protect their copyrights.* The proposed Copyright act reforms would allow others to profit from an illustrator's work with out any compensation to the illustrator. These reforms would eventually de-value artwork and artists as a whole, and overtime people would give up on their artistic endeavors. Why would anyone want to train to become a professional artist only to have their talent dismissed and their creations exploited by others for profit? Overtime these reforms could be devastating not only to artists, but to those of us who appreciate the value of original artwork and respect and value the talents of those who create it.

I urge you to write responsible policies that respect the integrity of artists and their creations so that we can continue to value the American artist and their contributions to society.

I wish I had more time to out-line my concerns. I hope and pray that you will protect the rights of the artists and not allow others to destroy this profession.

Best regards,

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