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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Nishan Akgulian and I have been working as a freelance illustrator and artist for over 25 years. I have created countless published illustrations and works of art that I am quite proud of. The copyright protection given to authors of artwork in 1976 that gave automatic protection without the requirement of registration for art created after January 1, 1978 affords me and all other artists the freedom and the peace of mind to create art that allows our nation to lead the world in creativity. It has functioned fairly and makes a priority that the artist is first and foremost protected and that the artist has the inherent exclusive right to control his or her work. These protections are what allows me to make a living producing my work. For artists to be expected to register every piece of art they create is impractical and unconscionable, as few, if any, have the financial resources or the time to do so. Any encroachment on these rights by third parties would doom all artists' livelihoods and are not in the best interests of our nation. For the future of our nation I ask that you reject these attempts to repeal or revise these protections.

Sincerely,
Nishan Akgulian