It is my understanding that there are proposals to change our copyright laws in the United States. I have worked as an artist for nearly 40 years, though never yet "making a living" at it. I have sold my art over the years knowing that the Constitution grants me copyrights to my creations. The proposals being considered are basically allowing others to make money off of my creations without my permission and without remuneration to me. In fact, if I want to maintain my right, the proposed procedures to do so would cost me more than my family income from several years as well as years of unpaid time to document registration of my work. This is unfair and must not be considered. There is a need to revisit the law concerning new technology, but the artist must be able to receive proper compensation and recognition for their work. If they do not receive this, why should they want to produce work at all? There is in creating work a certain feeling of accomplishment achieved which needs the artist's name attached to that work and credit given. The purpose behind the changes seems primarily to take away all recognition of the author of the work and give compensation to those who had nothing to do with its creation. This is called theft. If you take away the benefit for the artist, they cannot afford to do the work.