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U.S.Copyright
Orphan Works
RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear U.S.Copyright Office

I have been an illustrator and designer for almost 20 years, and have worked within editorial, packaging, greetings cards and advertising during that time. As a freelance illustrator I need to maintain income streams in order to make a living for my family. The resale of images new and old is how I do business. Any attempt to replace existing copyright laws with a system that would benefit internet companies would endanger my ability to make a living. EVERYTHING I create becomes part of my business - in this digital age being able to keep hold of my creations become even more important. My copyright is my asset.

Copyright is the basis on which I do business. Infringing on my work is the same as stealing money out of my pocket. I am paid by companies to help with their branding and marketing. A large part of logo design inherent value is in their logo. I should think Apple, Shell, Levi's or Unilever would put their foot down if the rights to their intellectual property were removed.

My art has been licensed on many products. Copyrights allow me to certify that it is MY work. I would hate for people to steal it and profit from my hard work.
I would NOT welcome someone else monetizing my work without my knowledge or consent. Passing this proposed law could spell the end of my career.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours sincerely

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