I am a fairly new artist. I began late in life, so am just becoming aware of copyright law. I was taught in school that my works were automatically protected from their inception. Now I understand that Congress and the Copyright Office are proposing to radically change that.

As an artist, my work, my intellectual and physical creations are my business. They are my livelihood. Requiring me to file forms and pay fees to a private registry for all works past, present and future would be insane. It would require a burdensome amount of time and money for artists and would result in few artists complying, therefore losing their rights to their own work.

This is a ploy by big businesses who seek to steal our efforts for their own gain. Please stand up for the artists of America. Do not reduce the scope of our current copyright laws. Our work is our work from the moment we create it. We must continue to be able to direct and profit from our own work as we see fit.

Thank you,
Roberta Rousos