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To the US Copyright Office:

I have been a professional artist for over 3 decades. My first painting sold in 1966 and I've worked as an artist my entire life. Currently, I depend on reproductions of my works to keep the lights on and food in the refrigerator.

I've depended on the copyright law to protect my work, my income, and my children's and grandchildren's inheritance since my first established copyright in 1986. The new law that has been proposed would effectively devastate my livelihood.

My work has been recognized internationally and has won awards for originality, best of show, and creativity. I have published 2 collections in the form of playing cards which are internationally distributed. The one titled The Wizard's Pets Tarot and the other the Steele Wizard Tarot. The sales of these as well as coloring books, children's' books, art prints, fabrics and other sidelines are quite literally my legacy. In addition, without the copyright law, my income would have been severely depleted on multiple occasions.

If the new law goes into effect, it would quite literally devastate my retirement income. I am now (as of today) 64 years of age and cannot rebuild another means of support. I must be able to determine how and by whom my work is used.

Please reconsider putting the new copyright law into effect. My husband is disabled and without what my work brings us, we would quite literally be homeless.

Thank you

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