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RE: Copywrite Protection

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an independent artist who has just recently started designing my own decorative/tole painting patterns for other artists. I have been painting for profit for 30 years and also worked a full time job and at this stage am in a position to do this job (one I love) full-time. I sell my products on-line in numerous outlets and have also had my work published. The pieces I have had published (in reputable venues) have not become marginalized but have further boosted my reputation as a decorative artist. The work is published digitally which makes it readily accessible to other artists via immediate downloads. I love being able to choose where my work is shared and whom to share it with. This all becomes my business inventory. This is my livelihood and my work is my heart. Every piece I design has a written disclaimer stating who may use this pattern and under what circumstances may it be used.

I would hate to think that at this time my designs are in danger of being “orphaned”. What has been proposed could ruin my business. Why would I want to continue to create new designs if they can be copied by others with no consequences. Small business start ups doing this kind of work would be doomed and it is already a lot of hard work just to get to this point. At least now I have some protection for my body of work but what has been proposed would put that totally out of my grasp.

Please help protect all of the artists, large and small. It would be nice to have someone looking out for us.

Sincerely,

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