To the Copyright Office and to all it may concern:

DO NOT change copyright law to remove an artist's ownership of their intellectual property.

Visual artists, and I am one, have obstacles enough in what we do. Removing our protection and ownership of images is monumentally wrong, a bad idea on so many levels, and impacts us personally, professionally, the art world at large.

This is our income and livelihood. Taking our control away, of what is rightfully ours, making it legal for anyone to steal/use for their profit is beyond damaging. Licensing every single image is not possible - we all know that. And current copyright laws work as best as any rules can with regards to intellectual property.

I'm not going to address every point of the proposed changes; I don't feel it's necessary to comment on every aspect when it boils down to one simple fact. What we create, belongs to the creator, not anyone else.

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