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Dear Copyright Office,

My name is Natalie Menacho and I have been an artist for 5 years. I would like to speak out against the proposal of “The Next Great Copyright Act.”

I am a visual artist making my living from my fine art paintings, illustrations, and packaging design. I fear this Act will put my livelihood in jeopardy and make it legal for corporations and private entities

to use my work without my consent. I also fear that artists who are unable to pay copyright fees will be vulnerable to exploitation.

I do not see copyright law as an abstract issue. My livelihood depends on it. I would like the use of artist's work to remain voluntary and I believe we should have complete control over how our artwork is used.

To be an artist is to have the freedom to experiment. This new Act would turn our creative

process into a business procedure. I fear the pressure to copyright EVERYTHING will be discouraging and put a huge damper on the art we produce.

Thank you for considering my point of view.

Have a nice day.

Sincerely,

Natalie Menacho