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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing because I believe the new **US Copyright Act** would be **unfair to visual artists**. I am a visual artist just beginning late career in this area. I have worked hard to learn to create images that are a unique contribution to the art of the world, and I do not want to see others be able to abscond with these images and use them for their own purposes without my consent. Registering every piece of art I make would be an onerous process. I want to be able to control the distribution of the images I make and also be able to recoup some of the costs of creating the art by being able to sell it.

Please leave existing law in place that says my work belongs to me until I sell it to someone else. Protect visual artists' rights to their own work!

Thanks for your consideration of my point of view.

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