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To Whom It May Concern:

Please reconsider this copyright fee increase. It is a drastic and dramatic amount more that would significantly hurt artists' and photographers' ability to protect their work. As a photographer in today's market, copyright and protecting one's own individual expression is already so challenged by the Internet and proliferation of access to images—there are numerous cases of infringement and unlawful usage of our work. Making it harder to protect ourselves and our copyright would cripple a vital industry and disenfranchise many students and rising artists.

Please reconsider this change.

Thank you,
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