

Re: Proposed New Fee Schedules
Dear Copyright Office,

May 8, 2012

I am writing to request that you please do not increase copyright registration fees for registrants. I am uniquely both a veterinarian and a board certified medical illustrator who regularly registers copyright on my artwork, logos, and other written material. This increase in fees would have to be passed on to my clients. In this economic climate, especially in my area of expertise in veterinary medicine, this would affect my ability to continue to offer fair pricing for my work and generate business within the very tight budgets in academic and research medicine.

I am a firm believer in the value of copyright registration, and strive to educate my clients and colleagues on this important right, encouraging them to also do so. I also greatly value the system that the Library of Congress has set up online, which makes this process smooth and efficient. This is the only chance that we, as artists and small business owners, have to protect our hard work from individuals and corporations that actively choose to exploit us, especially on the internet.

Please allow us to continue increasing the number of registered copyrighted works without an increase in the registration fees. Thank you for all of your work and for giving us the chance to comment.

Sincerely,

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