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Maria Pallante

Register of Copyrights

U.S. Copyright Office

101Independence Ave. S.E.

Washington, DC 20559-6000

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress

Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (80fr23054)

Dear Ms. Pallante,

I am writing to ask that you create policy to protect visual authors and their exclusive rights, and support a sustainable environment for professional authorship. Licensing my rights is how I derive my income and my copyrights are my economic assets. Copyright is also of the utmost importance to me for creative control of my work to protect its accuracy, integrity and authenticity. The 1976 Copyright Act has enabled me to sustain a professional career. However, I have experienced a substantial and growing loss of rights. I am also facing threats to the integrity and preservation of my lifetime body of work, which is my business inventory and also my legacy. My concerns and experiences are shared by my colleagues and by fellow visual artists throughout this country.

Sincerely yours,

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