To whom it may concern

I have been a photographer for 20 years with some interruptions where i could not make a living with my art. I finally figured out how to sell my work and be able to continue this without having to wait tables at the age of 56. My works are the only thing i have to sell or to leave for my wife. they are my creation and the product of over 30000 hours of work and tens of thousands of $ spent on equipment, film, paper computers, printers, trips, etc not to mention the opportunity cost of what i could have made with that money and time. all of this before I made even a cent from my art. Copyright law protects this huge investment and provides me with an incentive to continue producing more art, knowing that my work won't just be swiped away by some individual or corporation. It is a legal issue and it is a human issue. My visual work is a "thing", a property that belongs to me just as the design of any motor belongs to the company that created it. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PROTECT IT!!!!