Copyright Office regarding its Notice of Inquiry on Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works.

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a freelance commercial Illustrator/Designer over 28 years and an artist since I was a child. I was a very successful commercial Illustrator in the late 1980's and 1990's. As an Illustrator, copyrights I have retained have allowed me to resell works I would not have been able to. The same is also true of works that I have created as a fine artist. The ability to resell works cannot be denied. As it is, art is considered in the U.S. as something that is easily created. When in fact, it takes an intense thought process, hand eye coordination and actual application of mediums used to create something from nothing. Not very many things are made this way. I don't think the fact that someone who makes and designs a machine would ever lose his or her ability to keep their ownership to their patents. I don't really understand why this change in the Copy Rights Act would even come under consideration. Commerce should never be able to take artist's copyrights away. This is our bread and butter. This would make the true artists un-willing to publish their creations. In return we would have a fall in the new ideas put out to the public. The things that should be changed about the Copy Rights Act are that it should be easier and less expensive for an artist to register his or her work. Things should not be made easier for the exploiters to profit. The advent of the internet has brought a lot of change. We are constantly having inventions that change the world. We do not

adjust laws according to internet's use and acceptance into society. We make changes within the laws so the past is still honored and the new is worked into this. An example are the changes to music's copyrights. Do not rewrite what is already there. Please do not rest on your laurels and let the creative suffer. We are the ones who make new paths. We are always struggling to make ends meet. As we have been labeled throughout history, "Starving Artist" is not far from the truth.

Sincerely,

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