To the Copyright Office: 07/23/2016

My name is Jordan Lee Gough and I am a second year medical Illustration graduate student at Georgia Regents University. Our profession communicates scientifically and medically relevant information in a visually pleasing way. We 'think' and communicate visually to ultimately improve healthcare. My whole future depends on my constitutional right to own and control my creative works once I graduate and actually begin to do business as a freelance artist. I am just one of many who have invested a great amount of time, energy and money to build a career as an image-maker in the medical field. If I do not have the ability to own the copyright to my work, then I cannot make a living. I would not be able to earn money if just anybody had the right to take my work without my permission or without paying me. It would be unethical and unconstitutional to rob image-makers of their ability to earn a living. To overlook this would be equivalent to allowing thievery. It would be a sad day in this country if that were ever allowed. This topic is vitally important so I am taking the time to express in this letter how important it is for artists to keep control of their intellectual property. There is no good reason to prevent artists from making a living so that we can compete in this economy to survive, thrive and contribute to society in the unique way that only we can. Our profession is extremely important to society and should be treated with dignity.

Thank you,

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