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US Copyright
Re: Orphan Works
Washington DC

Dear US Copyright Office:

An attempt at changing the ability to do business has come to my attention. I am aware that there is a potential change to the Copyright Law which would eliminate the ability of artists, like myself, to earn a living from their creative visual art.

Copy-written Art that is Licensed for use by its original artist to manufacturers is how many artist's earn a living. Removing that protection would be a terrible thing. Making changes for change's sake is not improving anything.

Having every artist register every sketch, variation, note, etc. would be cost prohibitive and cause such a bog down in the process.

Please note that publishing an artwork does not render it useless and without value. It helps every creative person in the knowledge that their creation is protected through the registration of Copyright from fear of theft; in a age of constant hacking and outright plagiarism, it is the one recourse Artist's have left.

Please don't destroy our sense of security and source of income.

Sincerely yours,

Karen M. Beers

Illustrator for over 30 years