U.S. Copyright Office July 22, 2015
101 Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000

Subject: Protect Visual Artists from Proposed Revisions to the Copyright Act

To all involved:

I strenuously object to changes proposed to the Copyright Act that will seriously harm, as creator of original works of art, my long established property rights and intellectual property rights to my art.

Such changes will endanger and possibly void my rights, as well as those of my estate beneficiaries, concerning control of my original paintings, drawings, prints, sketches, photos, et. al., as well as reproductions of my art legally authorized by me or my estate, past, present or future.

Further, there should be no legal provision to any person, corporation, business entity or organization that would "privilege" public rights to reproduce my art in any form without my specific written authorization.

I should never by required in any way to register my work, privately, nor commercially to protect my original creator right of control over my art work. As such, there should never be allowed any vague category such as "orphan" work assigned to my "unregistered" work so that it would come into the public domain for commercial or any other unauthorized purpose.

In other words, there should never be any allowance in the law that would enable any unauthorized party to infringe "in good faith," create "derivative works" in another name, digitize, or use any other means to steal or rob me of the monetary value, intrinsic value, or creative value of my original art, or reproductions authorized by me of my original art.

Additionally, I should always be able to use any legal remedy to right any infringement of my art by any party. There is no need for, nor should there be, any special court created that would limit my choice of legal remedy.

All copyright protections afforded today to all artists, be they full-time or part-time, professional, student or amateur, should be vigorously defended and not changed or modified in any way. To allow anything less will do great personal and monetary harm to tens of thousands of creative individuals and their families. Please do not allow business interests domestic and foreign to make money on our backs and continue to protect us without complex legal burden.

Sincerely,

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