To Whom It May Concern:

Artists make their living from images, and these images need to be protected from corporate poachers. Most artists cannot afford to copyright every image that they produce, and corporations are counting on that.

It never ceases to amaze me how many educated individuals will attend museums, and say "Isn't it a shame that Van Gogh died penniless and unappreciated?", yet these same people make no effort to protect and support the artists living among them who are striving towards greatness. The proposed changes to current copyright law are another example of the corporate takeover of our country. Please protect intellectual property and support the artists who are a part of America's legacy.

Best, Kate Kretz,

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