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To the United States Copyright Office,

I am writing to you about the potential changes in US copyright and my deep concern about any changes that my negatively impact the creators of imagery or any type of orginal material.

I am a small business owner who has made a living in commercial photography for twenty years, photographing mainly food and lifestyle imagery but also other subjects, which I create and license/relicense to a variety of clients. I create and license imagery to clients, sometimes licensing the same image to multiple clients over many months or years (or in some cases, even over decades). I am absolutely reliant on the copyright and the ownership of my content to make a living. Without full and complete ownership of the copyright of the image, I would be extremely limited in my options, so much so that I might not be able to continue in business. For me, copyright is the absolutely central basis on which my business rests.

Anyone who uses my imagery without compensation, my consent or my involvement is stealing my livelihood, my business inventory and assets and compromises my ability to make a living in this industry. Without control over the clients and the manner in which my images are used, I am no longer able to control my business' assets (i.e. my business' intellectual property).

It is absolutely essential that artists and any creators of intellectual property retain control of their creations in order to make a living and continue creating and adding to the nation's economy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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