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Seattle, WA 98125-5634
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U.S. Copyright Office
101 Independence Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20559-6000

Re: Changes to the Copyright Act

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a professional artist for more than forty years, I have depended upon the copyright laws to protect my artwork (watercolors and oil paintings). They allow me to have free control over who uses them and for what purpose. The current rules also prevent anyone else from altering my work or images of my work. As the owner of the copyright for my artwork, I can continue to publish my works in various forms and earn money on them. All works I have ever created are part of my inventory. My works retain their value, even after being published.

Per the proposed changes to the copyright act, to do otherwise (remove current protections for artwork; let others copy my work, alter it, publish it, etc.) is to steal from me.

Making a living as a watercolorist or oil painter is hard enough. Please allow us to continue to keep our artwork protected.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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