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Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20559-6000

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress

Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been an illustrator for 10 years. I studied Visual Communication and Design at University of Dayton and received my masters degree in Art Education from Indiana University. I have sold prints and originals of my work as well as licensed it to larger companies.

The issue of copyright is very important to me and my business. It protects that which I create and if those rights are taken away it is the same as taking money out of my pocket.

The ideas that I come up with and the work I create needs to be mine to decide who can use it and what products it can be put on. Not only is this a main stream of revenue for me as well as many other artists, but if there is no copyright in place my art no longer holds that value.

I thank you for reading my letter and I ask you to recommend that visual art be excluded from any orphan works provisions Congress writes into the new copyright act.

Best,
Katie Vernon