Dear U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

I write to you on in reference to [Docket No. 2015–01] Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works. I would urge lawmakers to defeat passage of this proposal. I am a botanical illustrator with a very limited inventory of completed works. What I create requires time, technique, research, and resources. The end result is, hopefully, a depiction, an image of the life cycle of an organism for others to identify and perhaps enjoy. The images I create do not lose their value once they are in publications any more then the writings of authors lose their value once they are in publications. An author retains rights and authority over their written creations, as I believe an artist should retain rights and authority over the images they create.

Regards,
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