Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

You all conclude that it is [within the public interest for artists' work or anything submitted to the internet to be available for anyone to use], but do you really understand what that means? Would you really want anyone to be able to utilize your personal photos or any of your close family's photos for their own use as long as they have the money or the higher right?

From reading that we would have to register every picture we want to retain the rights to with 'for-profit' registries, is this really the direction you guys want to go? Will you all really go as far as to exploit our own rights for monetary gain? If it were the other way around, most of us would be set on private and nothing much would be shared so globally or publically. Some of us had already had enough of third party sites using us for their ads because it is 'within their right to.' Would you prefer we set photos or other forms of art to public to show to friends and family before hiding it way?

We show publically to share, not to let it be used for commercial reasons unless they are actual artists out to sell their work. They already have enough with people taking their work and selling the other's hard work for their own profit. Some of you guys may think that's innovative or allowed because they had set it to show to public, but that is stealing. How will they be able to sell it to a more broad market without showing it up on the internet? This isn't a competition between those who can sell it better. It shouldn't be, because the other's work isn't theirs. They are a fraud.

Also, there are families separated so the internet is an important tool to keep in contact with them and share memories. It is enough to already be paying to use internet, along with buying games, apps, amongst other things.

This is going too far.

[Orphaned work would be **available** for commercial infringement by "good faith" infringers.
Good faith infringers would be anyone who believed they had made a **"reasonably diligent,"** but **unsuccessful effort to find you**.]

This is an unsuccessful attempt to tell me that these infringers couldn't utilize Google correctly. [Infringers could also **ALTER** your work and copyright the "derivative works" in their own names.]

All throughout school, we learned that this is a variation of plagiarism, and this is not allowed. Even if it's amongst classmates, who obviously had made their work public for the sake of getting a grade, it is not allowed. You just don't take another person's work and get credit for something you didn't do. You all are literally telling us to take what we have learned and integrated into our young lives and toss it out as if it never mattered. As a student, I am not sure exactly what good you all think this will accomplish for the present and the future. This is just another blow to our rights and to our pockets.

Sincerely,

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