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I am writing to register my dismay at the direction of the proposed changes to the copyright law.

I am a photographer and textile craftsman. I have been doing work since the mid-1950s and continue to enjoy working and sharing images of my work online. I have no wish to lose control of my images.

I have had a bad experience in which a consulting firm in the mid-west took one of my images from FLICKR and used it to promote a workshop they were presenting. That image was **mine** and they did not contact me for permission nor provide credit. That is stealing. I have no idea if they are a legitimate business or not, but I did not wish to have them use my image without my agreement. Where my work appears, and how it appears, is a reflection on me. I would not want my work to be used to support causes or products which I do not believe in. My work is personal to me and is recognized by others as an extension of me.

I am now retired. That means I have more time to enjoy my creative pursuits and to share them with others of my choosing. That does not mean that it is ok with me for others to take my work and co-opt it for their own monetary gain. I should be able to continue to make those choices for myself on a case by case basis.

Under the current law I have recourse. Please do not take that away from me.

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