Dear Sir/Madam, or to whom it may concern.,

It is with regret that I have learned of the proposed changes to the copyright law concerning the visual arts (*The Next Great Copyright Act*). I have been a practicing Illustrator, and fine artist for the past forty five years and the loss of control of our art work would be devastating because we count on receiving royalties for the use of our images. Also, anyone would be able to steal our created art images and change them and call then their own. By changing this copyright law, you are taking our independence away from us.

Please consider my thoughts on this matter and not change the present copyright law. Please consider this is how we make a living. Most artist are not wealthy, and we need you, our representatives to make the right decision in this matter. If this law is changed, it could actually put some artist out of business. You hold in your decision making powers the future of the American artist and there right to control how there creative images are used.

Today, I'm opposed to “The Next Great Copyright Act” for every piece of artworks created in America.

Thanks for hearing my comments on the “ The Next Great Copyright Act”

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