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To The US Copyright Office regarding the Next Great Copyright Act

The letter is a plea for you to hold back on passing the next great copyright act which would remove protections for artists to control the use of our work and property.

I'm an illustrator and artist and have been actively earning my living from producing artwork for publication for over 40 years. My artwork has appeared in books, on book jackets, advertisements, product packaging and in corporate collateral. I've worked hard to establish myself as an illustrator after a BFA in Fine Art from University of Colorado. I've had to learn how to draw up contracts to assign rights with my clients to be clear on who owns the image and the extent that it can be used. My work is advertised on the web in my web site and other online portfolios that attract potential clients, protected by a copyright notice to avoid downloads that are not approved by me as the owner of the copyright. This second use prospect is a source of income as well and one that I hope will supplement my retirement as I have a wealth of images available that I sacrificed higher payments in order to hold onto their copyrights. If this new law passes it will discredit my ownership of my own work and devalue it as it becomes impossible to protect as property or to track in hijacked uses, that are all too common in this digital age.

Please allow me and others in my field of work and self employment to hold onto our property and manage it. Keep the protections that we enjoy with the power of the circle "c". ©

Thanks for your consideration,

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