Artists can spend hours on a painting, drawing or editing a photograph that they took and someone could take it, alter it and claim it as their own with the new copyright law that is trying to be established. No longer can the artist take pride in their work but rather paint/draw/create in fear of someone snatching it from them. Yes, they can get it legally processed and register their work, but at what cost? Earning a living just got that more difficult. Now the artist must not only purchase their supplies, their studio but now to protect their work, must register each piece. Do we no longer honor honesty or respect for our fellow man? Must we fight even our leaders that much harder in order to make sure we can continue to do what we love?

Abraham Lincoln states in the Gettysburg Address in 1863, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth." "… of the people". That is what our government used to be made up of; our neighbors, our friends. For too long they have lost sight of the people that trusted them to take care of them while they sat high in their thrones of power. "Of the people…".

A lot of artists, such as myself, do not have unlimited funds. I sell paintings so I can put food on the table and escape from the horrors of reality while working two jobs! Now artists will have to pay an application fee of $35 plus other fees follow in order to protect the art they worked so hard to create. This would mean an huge increase in the amount I charge for my paintings, meaning sells greatly decrease or disappear completely.

Let the little guy, the small business, the average American make their few extra pennies so they can enjoy the niceties that this world has to offer without adding reason for them to worry or be stressed.