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Maria Pallante
Register of Copyrights
U.S. Copyright Office
101 Independence Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20559-6000

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress

Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante,

I am a Freelance Illustrator based out of California. Being a Freelance Illustrator is not easy because many people perceive creating art to be a hobby not a profession. It will become much harder and maybe impossible if you let anyone use visual work (such as illustrations) without prior permission. Art is an important part of our culture and lives. People are already hesitant to pay to have an expert create new illustrations for them. If people don't pay for art, then artists won't have time to create it. Please support the arts, and let us keep our copyright protection.

In addition, you can take supporting the arts one step further by amending the Copyright Law to repeal work-for-hire imposed on independent contractors. Artists are often forced to take these contracts or none at all. The artist is not paid more for giving up the copyrights.

Thank you,

Stephanie Rozzo