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U.S. Copyright Office
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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress

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

I am a lifelong fine artist.

I believe that under the Constitution I have the right to profit from my work. In my case, the work I produce is visual, usually in the form of paintings. I am already wary of posting my images online. If my intellectual property--- that is, the images that I create, after years of observation and a highly skilled technical process--- can be taken by someone and used for commercial purposes, that has to be called theft. It's nothing less. I have the right to profit from my own ideas. In a just society, I can do that. The orphan works proposals would create a no-fault license to infringe, allowing someone else to arbitrarily take my work and use it for their own gain.

This is outrageous, and I want to go on record as being against this new proposal.

Sincerely,

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