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Dear Copyright Office,

Please register my opposition to the proposed "Next Great Copyright Act".

As a commercial photographer for the last 25 years this change in copyright legislation will have severe impact on my business and the future ability for me to continue working successfully in this field.

Current copyright laws are not an abstract legal issue but the foundation on which my business success relies on. Everyday my works value is determined by the copyrights I hold over my images and the ability for me to control and profit from my hard work.

My copyright is the product I license and becomes a part of my legacy which I use moving forward to insure the survival of my business. Future sales of the images I produce is a large part of my business model and maintaining and controlling the copyright of these assets is an important part of my income. If there were no value to my images I ask you "why is everyone trying to gain control and steal them ?"

This act will void my constitutional right to control my work and transfer my rights to public use denying me a large portion
of my livelihood as a result. It would put undue burden on my business to register every single image and would orphan all
my work that is unregistered.

Please consider the implications this new legislation will have on small business owners such as myself. Please don't bend to the wishes of large corporations that only want to use my work to profit from at the expense of my family.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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