In making decisions about the new copyright law, please consider the special circumstances of visual artists – those who create paintings and drawings. It takes many years of serious study, and dedicated practice, to reach the level of being able to start selling our work to the public.

In today's world, one of the best ways to reach potential customers is by publishing images online. Our business model usually depends on retaining rights to the image so that we can sell the original, and then sell prints of the work at a lesser price. Sometimes the prints are used as the image on shower curtains, throw pillows, etc., and we gain income from those sales also. Many times the income from various print sales is greater than what we earned from the original.

Visual artists depend on retaining rights to our work for the income necessary to continue making new creations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sally Brown, Artist