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Dear U.S. Copyright Office or to whom it may concern,

I have been a full-time Artist, Cartoonist, and Graphics Artist for over 22 years. This is how I provide for my family and pay my bills.

Copyright is the basis on which I do business. Infringing on my work is the same as stealing money out of my pockets. Is like taking money away from my family.

Copyrights “is the product” that I license to make a living. This is what I sell. As well as derivative works from my illustrations, caricatures, and cartoons. By licensing my artwork, I can run a business, provide for my family, and pay my bills.

Copyrights allow me to certify it is my work, deal with people who steal it, get them to stop profiting from it, and keep it off of products and websites that I think are inappropriate and damage my reputation as a professional artist. And most importantly, it allows me to put food on the table for my family and pay my bills.

EVERYTHING I create becomes part of my business inventory. In the digital age, inventory is more valuable to artists than ever before. Please don’t take this away from us. We need it to survive.

Publishing can significantly increase its value. If a client is successful with one or several of my images, another client may want to get on board. Publishing increases its value and my income.

I do not welcome someone else monetizing from my work without my knowledge or consent. This is stealing from myself, my business, and my family.

Sincerely yours,
William Hernandez
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