Dear Copyright Office,

I have a Degree of Fine Arts from Middle Tennessee State University. I am still working on my skills to become a professional artist. It takes a very strong drive to keep working to improve these skills for years so that I can produce quality artwork. In order to become a professional, this is not field that can be treated as a hobby. The field of illustration is a very difficult and competitive field.

With the current copyright set in 1976, the works I create for my portfolio online ensures that it cannot be taken for anyone else to use. With the current copyright act, I can start to sell rights for the images I'm producing to help gain experience, but more importantly afford to buy more art supplies, more conventions to showcase my art to potential editors. Being able to meet professional artist, I've learned that secondary rights are needed to help establish their income. With the new copyright proposals, there would be no way to earn a better living as an artist. There would be no drive for the art students.

Sincerely,

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