To whom it may concern,

I am a professional photographer with over 40 years of experience. I am against the reforms that are proposed to the new Copyright Act.

I am against voiding my Constitutional right to have exclusive control of my work. The new act would "orphan" unregistered work. It would make orphaned work available for commercial infringement by so called "good faith" infringers. It would affect all visual art: drawings, paintings, sketches, photos, etc.; past, present and future; published and unpublished; domestic and foreign.

For me, copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis on which my business rests. My copyrights are the products I license. This means that infringing our work is like stealing our money. It's important to our businesses that we remain able to determine voluntarily how and by whom our work is used. MY work does NOT lose its value upon publication. Instead everything I create becomes part of my business inventory. In the digital era, inventory is more valuable to artists than ever before.

Thank you,

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