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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante & U.S. Copyright Office Staff:

I have been an illustrator and a member of the graphic communications industry since 1971. I have enjoyed designing and producing hundreds of graphic images along with thousands of project for print web applications.

Throughout my career I have always felt secure in knowing that I could count on the copyright laws to protect my interest from those who would pirate my images for profit. I also new that because of this protection that merchandisers and publishers could not alter my work and use it for their own gain without any consideration for what has always been considered my intellectual property.

I hope that congress will not in any way modify the current laws. Many artists along with myself continue to enjoy the benefits and security in knowing that they will have the federal laws to back them due to any infringement upon their intellectual property.

With kind regards,

Steve Ellis