http://copyright:gov/policy/visualworks/

To the US Copyright Office:

Please do not change the copyright law.

I have been an artist for over 25 years. I currently work with watercolor, and acrylics among various other media.

The proposed change in the copyright law is not some abstract legal issue for me. My copyrights are the products that I am able to license. My work does not lose value upon publication. In fact, it often gains in value when it is published. It is important to me that I be able to determine how and by whom my work is used.

Everything I create becomes part of my business inventory. In the digital era, this inventory is more valuable than ever before. This is true of all artists.

My work is mine. I do not wish to be forced to register each item. If fees are not charged for this registration today, it is one more place where we will likely be charged sometime in the future. Further, I do not wish to be forced to place my body of work into government hands, whether directly or indirectly in order to be able to protect it. This is unacceptable.

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