To who it may concern,

The idea of the U.S. Copyrite law being changed in order to provide large corporations, or any corporations, the accessibility to, in a sense, legally steal works done by other people is ludicrous. This would not only provide people with a legal means to simply take artwork and written work from people, but they would also be protected against retaliation by the owner of said work.

The United States is supposed to be a place where people need not fear that the 'big bad' corporations can step on 'the little guy', but if the copyrite law were to change into what is being proposed it would not only make it possible for the 'little guy' to be crushed, but would also go against the constitutional rights of artists/writers/indi films everywhere. Furthermore it would not merely impact U.S. citizens, but citizens from other countries who could never hope to fight against a large corporation.

Furthermore forcing an artist/writer/what have you into paying to have their work protected is laughable. It is their property. They should not have to pay someone in order to protect their property. It is no different than someone walking into another person's home and taking whatever they wanted simply because they hadn't touched it/done anything with it in X amount of time. No one should have to constantly tend to something that is their personal/intellectual property. No one should have to pay to have their property protected.

To change this law would be to discourage artists of all varieties. Discouraging artists would then mean that there would be less people who would wish to continue on to college in their chosen working area; which in turn would mean there would quite possibly become a shortage of working class people who help with film production, who write books, who create artwork to show in art museums and galleries.

Our history is shown through the art, writing, and now films, of our time. Our future generations are influenced by these things as well. The only reason larger corporations want the U.S. copyright law to change is because they stand to gain from it. There is no gain for the 'little guy' who puts their artwork on the internet in order to gain a name for themselves, only loss.

If the copyright law changes and large corporations, as the often do, do not go about a way to gain artwork that is beneficial to the artist as well there will be less people willing to expose themselves, their work, and their products. The less they expose themselves the less they will produce, the less they produce the less they will want to produce. If no one is producing art then even the big corporations loose in the end.

So in a way it not beneficial to the larger companies to change the copyright law either. If you knock out the 'little guy' suddenly the 'big guy' has no legs to stand on.