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To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#)
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Dear Mr. President,

I am a Certified Medical Illustrator who has for twenty years had a successful small business creating new illustrations as well as re-marketing my work as stock illustration.

Because I have meticulously retained ownership of the copyright to all my illustrations since being in business, I now have a valuable company and a desired product to sell. Unfortunately without strong enforcement of copyright legislation my illustrations will be stolen in massive quantities, and thereby worthless. The only thing preventing the quick, easy theft and resale of my illustrations is a very strong financial disincentive cause by the current copyright law. Without my copyrights, I can not make a living from my illustrations because I do not earn enough selling them only once.

I urge you to prevent "Orphaned Works Legislation" that makes so-called orphaned works easier to use. It is so very easy to turn an illustration into an orphaned work.

Thank you for asking for this information.

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