

From: [REDACTED]
To: [FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty](#);
Subject: Group Registration of Published Works
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Re: Group Registration of Published Works

Dear Ms. Espinel:

Were I to attach my art to this e-mail, I run the risk of losing it's copyright. But it's a risk we have to take or starve.

I am and make my living as a cartoonist, writer, illustrator and animator. I have to wear a lot of hats to make one living.

The greatest problem I face in enforcing my intellectual property is the cumbersome and often impossible task of complying with the copyright registration process for published works. Please loosen the registration requirements by (1) allowing cartoonists, illustrators and writers to group register a year of published works on a form similar to the form used for photographers (Form GR/PPh/CON), and (2) require only the year of publication if the specific date of publication is not known.

My works usually go unregistered because I do not have all of the information necessary to register my published works. Practically speaking, copyrights must be registered in order for the government to protect them. So, my recommendations are a natural fit for your mandate.

Sincerely,

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