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**Subject:** Intellectual Property Rights (I am a commercial photographer)  
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I am Susan Elkin, from Greenfield, MA 01301. I explore the mystery and hope you will look at my images of the ordinary with renewed vision. I also create and make available stunning photographic themes. Susan Elkin Photography creates portraiture, fine art and commercial photography.

As a photographer, my images **are** my work. I have no concrete product besides my photographs. I sell prints directly to customers locally. Also, I have several online shops where people can purchase my work - both from me directly and through shops that do the printing themselves and send the merchandise and prints directly to my customers and collectors.

As a commercial photographer, I have a business plan and much of it is based on reuse of my photos - by ME! If other businesses are able to use my images, saying that they are orphaned, I have lost much of my business and income. My photographs ARE my business. I have spent much time and effort in creating them and marketing them. I need to be the one who gets the benefit of my intellectual property rights.

I want the government to protect my copyrights of my photographs ... and to not make it easier for others to call my images orphaned and then make money from these photos.

Thank you for asking artists for our input! I am greatly appreciative that you want to hear from us,  
~ Susan Elkin

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