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Hello I am a student at the AI in Pittsburgh, I am currently taking Graphic Designs and I have a degree as a Interior Decorator. I think that because we have paid or are paying for our Education if someone is making money off what we do than they need to step up to the plate and help us make a living off what we give as our designs. There are many ways that someone can take our hard work and make their profit from it. As an Interior Decorator I have to pay a fee to be CID yearly, this is out of my pocket and only serves as a title after my name. This does nothing or has nothing to do with my talent I still have to sell myself as well. Why am I paying for such a title? Is it only because it proves I am for real that I have an recognized Ed in this field? They have not showed me anything I have learned but take money as a recognized source,,,why ? This is an example of how others profit off mine and others work. We need to change this because they are not paying for my education or helping with any financial benefits toward my Education.This is one way that they are stealing or making a profit from me. There are other ways such as redoing a room and they take your ideas and get someone that hasn't used their talent to design it for you. Artist of all types need support. There is no reason why we can't, we have earned it, maybe make them pay for the right to even look and another to take a copy of any kind. I am not sure how this can be resolved but there needs to be an effort made to do so. Thank you for taking the time to read this short statement, I wish I had more time to reply to the extent of the issue at hand.