

From: [REDACTED]
To: FN-OMB-IntellectualProperty; info@copyrightalliance.org
Subject: Copyright Laws
Date: Friday, March 19, 2010 9:09:41 AM

The Copyright Alliance has informed me of this welcome invitation from the Obama Administration to share my thoughts on my rights as a creator.

I am a 52 year old artist living in Gambrills, MD. I paint land and seascapes, to engage the public to share in the beauty of places that are seldom seen. I started panting after a chronic illness prevented me from working in a regular job.

My intellectual property rights are important, and critical to me. Without copyright laws, people would make prints of my work without paying for them, and use my work in calendars, without my permission. Once y original work is sold, I make money off of selling prints, cards, and calendars. I am also working on a book that features my artwork, and encourages the public to protect our shorelines from pollution.

As an artist, I do not make any profit. But I make enough to rent a studio space, and pay for my supplies. Without copyright laws, I would be unable to continue my work as an artist. If I had to pay to register each piece of artwork, I would not be able to continue to rent my studio space, and my work would be lost to the public.

It is imperative that copyright laws for artists are in place. It is imperative that artists be protected against piracy of their creations, without additional financial burden. Without art, our world will be sterile and thoughtless. Art is essential to our well-being.

Thank you for reading this plea for protection of current copyright laws. My life as an artist depends on fair, and simple truths - that our artwork is our creation, and belongs to its creator.

Artfully yours,

Cathy L Harville, nature artist
Gambrills, MD 21054

my website: www.harvilleart.com

4. **Also include in your email:** your name, city, state, and what type of artist you are.

--

Cathy Harville

www.harvilleart.com
443.286.3233