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From member, National Cartoonists Society

TO: Copyright Czar

Dear Ms. Victoria Espinel,

My name is Stan Tusan, a professional cartoonist and humorous illustrator/writer for over 40 years.

I've lived and worked in LA, Chicago, NYC, San Francisco, and now in Phoenix, Oregon. I've been lucky enough to make a living at what I enjoy doing the most: Creating with passion.

For some time, I've been concerned with the copyright law for us creators. It's difficult to monitor numerous publications and the vast internet to watch for others who might be using my original artwork without seeking permission. In a simple word: stealing.

Artists are too busy creating and meeting their deadlines to do any police work. And then we have the time and costs of finding a savvy lawyer to go after the criminal act. And the outcome leaves one with the impression of maybe the copyright process is tedious and old fashioned. And maybe not so perfect after all.

My wish is that someday the copyright process is more secure and effective, the public is well informed and deterred from trying to steal, the artist has handy alternatives to track the criminal acts leading to prosecution to the full extent of the law and artists can devote more of their time to creating.

It is not a good thing to have some fear looming over your head with your own creations going out into the world with little or ineffective intellectual property protection. It's disturbing, it undermines the creative process and it's not right.

All creative people now and in the future will be so grateful to use our great American freedom we are all so blessed to have living in this wonderful country to continue our pursuit of happiness in the arts of personal expression. And to play a creative part toward the growth, culture and history

of our society.

Thank you, Ms. Espinel, for reading this letter and giving us the opportunity to having our voices heard.

Respectfully yours,

Stan Tusan
Phoenix, Oregon