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I am an artist. My work consist of drawing original designs and text on ceramic bisque. I am currently working on having my designs licensed to manufacturers. I copyright my work with the copyright office in Washington D.C. as finances permit. I also sell my art pieces at Arts & Crafts shows and through a gallery. It takes very little these days for someone to use a cell phone/camera to shoot a design and then use it for either themselves, or for some unscrupulous manufacturer in another part of the world. I feel like I am constantly having to keep an eye out for those who would use my designs without my consent. I spend a great deal of time, energy, and finance creating my designs, this is how I make my living. For the law to allow an entity to use my designs for profit without a contractual agreement is simply not right. I feel it is imperative that the current copyright laws remain in effect to prevent infringemnet of artists works in all mediums. When I create my designs they are a part of me, my humor, my political views, my romantic ideals, my perspectives, are all reflected in each creation. They are 'my' intellectual property, and for anyone to use them without 'my' permission, is quite simply, THEFT. I am counting on the Obama administration to remember that art, in all its many forms, is by, and for the people, not the corporations.

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