

Please do not increase the fees for registering claims!

As a photographer I am barely making enough money to stay in business let alone having to spend more to protect my images. With theft high on the internet and no regard to copyrights or ownership it is even more important for me to have my photographs copyrighted and protected. By increasing the fees, that is just another added expense that takes more money away from maintaining my equipment and keeping my business running. Currently I have to submit at least 1-2 claims a month to make sure all my photographs are copyrighted before I can distribute them to my customers in an unpublished claim. Increasing the amount will then amount to \$1500-\$2000 per year. For my small photography business that is a lot of money that can be put into growing my business and purchasing needed equipment each year. Please do not raise the fee, it will become inaccessible to all who should have the opportunity to protect their creative property.