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Petition for Rulemaking on Group Registration
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We hereby petition the Register of Copyright to exercise her discretion, pursuant to Section 408(c)(1) of the Copyright Act, to initiate a rulemaking to create group registration procedures for:

(a) multiple written works first distributed in electronic format on multiple dates, regardless of whether they constitute contributions to "periodicals" or a "database" or might be determined to have been, as of the date of application for registration, "published" or "unpublished," and

(b) multiple written works by the same creator first published on multiple dates, regardless of whether they were published as contributions to periodicals.

Petitioners (original petitioners and endorsers through subsequent filings):

National Writers Union (NWU)
American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA)
Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America (SFWA)
Horror Writers Association (HWA)
Textbook & Academic Authors Association (TAA)
Authors Guild
Association for Garden Communicators
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
Songwriters Guild of America
Western Writers of America (WWA)