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U.S. Copyright Office

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Washington, DC 20559-6000

RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress

Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante and the Copyright Office Staff:

I am writing to you because this anti-copyright law is wrong. It would essentially make it legal to steal an artist's work under the guise of being lawful. There are so many artists who already have to deal with others reposting what they have worked hard to do, work that they are proud of and want to share. It is already very difficult for many artists to make a living. They are often underpaid or told that the work they will do will just be for 'exposure.' Artists are already taken advantage of in a major way, this law will ensure the downfall of many careers. Why pay an artist when you can just take their work, and with no repercussions (if the law passes)? Copyright laws protect artists and *their* work. It is an asset for them. Taking it away would be wrong and cruel, and stealing, even if it technically becomes legal. The fact that this law is even under consideration is strange and appalling to me. Please, for the sake of artists working hard to make a living, do not pass this law.