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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante,

Thank you for the opportunity to make my comment on this legislation, first to tell you about myself. I'm a Media Arts & Animation graduate from the Art Institute of Indianapolis; since 2011 I've been struggling to find job in the art field. Even though I've slowly but surely move to digital painting/concept design I'm still struggling to find a job. In that time I'm also an independent comic creator (who is currently working on a short story comic). Ever since I was a child, after being inspiration I've always wanted to make comics. More so I've always want to create art.

Now I feel that this new legislation will indefinitely end my journey as a comic creator/artist. I just find this legislation unfair to us artists who have put our heart and soul into our work only to have our said work to be taken away by the general public. And we artists are left unrecognized and unappreciated. I believe that this legislation may if not will destroy potential art jobs if the general public is just going snatch them away from real artists. It's difficult enough that I'm struggling to find art jobs, now anyone can just take my work, alter it around and go "hey I made this please hire me". That just puts any artists at a disadvantage if non-artists take the work and claim it as their own virtually unchallenged. And even worst, me being an indie comic creator I'm (or any creator) expected to spend thousands of dollars (and number of years) before to publish one comic/story. I can hardly pay back the thousands of dollars in student loans let alone getting a copyright. We're not made of money, we have needs, and we have priorities. This legislation may if not will erases all of that.

I'm a very dedicated artist and really wish to make a living in creating art, but now I'm so afraid of this legislation will preemptively end of what I'm trying to achieve. Everything I've work so hard for from college to now would if not will be for nothing. This legislation shows nothing but grief to all artists; basically negating all their hard work if non-artists can have open accesses without the permission the creators. So I've come to you as a hard working artist; I humbly beg

you and the whole of congress please don’t pass this legislation. Because in the end I’ll have nothing to work/live for; all artists won’t have anything to work/live for. Thank for your time.

Very respectfully,

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