Dear Copyright Office,

This letter is regarding something that I was shocked to recently hear about which is the egregious way that the legislature has proposed to destroy the rights of artists and creators of every sort. The word destroy is heavily charged, but in this situation it is entirely fitting. I am not at all sure what the motivations behind passing such a bill could possibly be except to undermine the works of creative individuals and make it easier for companies and private entities to infringe upon and steal works of art in the effort to make fast profits with minimal work put in. Is this ethical? Is it in someone's best judgement to create a bill like this? Is it in anyone's best judgement? The answer to these questions is a resounding no.

I will now walk you through a very plausible scenario that deals in cause and effect. The effects of such a bill as this will be absolutely detrimental to art, and culture as a whole, on the national and international levels. If this bill is drafted, once again, and passed, artistic careers will be forfeited in the hundreds of thousands. Entire industries will drown. Artists will no longer be able to sell their work and survive on it and culture will become a further homogenized batch of pitiful drawl. Every aspect of society will be altered and distorted. Many people will cease to share their work and others will cease to make work altogether. The joy and sharing and communities that have been built up and soared in the creative world, that have gathered so many smiles and drawn so much intuitive contemplation will fall to the ground, crumbled. The pillars of culture that had revealed to us just what was possible and how we might one day achieve what the great craftspeople and artisans of the past had will be no more and society will quickly approach dark ages. The present era will become synonymous will stagnation and morose grays that cover everything. Humanity will lose itself.

None of this is hyperbole and that is exactly why a bill like this is suspect. It seems more bent on destruction and creating hopelessness than anything else. As an artist, an illustrator, and a writer who is just beginning to embark on the journey that is my life and my career, I am, frankly, ashamed that I have to write this. That we live in a time where there are people who are actively trying to thwart the blooming and further expansion of creative thinking and positive consciousness. It is sick and the cure for such a sickness, is, and will always be: good, proactive thought. Thought that is focused and concentrated from minds who refuse to dwell in anything but what is right.

Thank you for the time it took to read this, and thank you for desisting in any further efforts to push this or any similarly detestable legislature.

Regards,
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