Don’t Kill the Creators

Please don’t take this to Congress. This will hurt every creator in America; artists, designers, musicians, engineers, architects, photographers, etc. I myself am an artist and I work hard to come up with original ideas that I’m proud of. Having those ideas not be sufficiently protected is something that makes my stomach turn. I work hard to make a living, just like everyone else does, and I deserve to be paid for the work I do. Someone who steals my designs by changing a single color (what you would call a ‘derivative’) is still in fact stealing. The current copyright laws protect me from losing money on the work I’ve done while the proposed law strips that protection from me. I love sharing my work on social media and I’m glad that I can do that without fearing that someone else could ‘own’ my work. They could certainly try to steal it, but I will always own it. It’s mine. And no one should be able to take it from me, including the government.

Thank you for your time

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