To The U.S. Copyright Office,

My name is Justin Bouchard, and I'm an eighteen-year-old cartoonist fresh out of high school, and aiming to eventually become a professional. Ever since I was eight or nine years old I've dreamed of being a professional artist, and I've been drawing pictures since even before that.

Going in, I've always known that artistry was a tough career to make a living out of, but this doesn't deter me from pursuing my dreams. I'm still working towards my future each day, slowly but surely.

When my sister sent me a link to a blogpost warning artists of this impending New Copyright bill, I was infuriated to say the least. The first and most obvious reason being that as an artist, I would have no right to control the drawings and cartoons that I worked hard to create. Neither will every other artist who work much harder than me, and those who make a living creating art and doing what they love.

Instead, what we have here is a way for the rich and mighty businesses to have even less expenses by taking advantage of the work of others with absolutely no cost to them. They would have the right to steal the work of another in order to make money, and there will be nothing that the creator can legally do about it.

What I'm trying to say is that if this bill becomes law the livelihoods of all artists, hobbyist or professional, digital or traditional; will be ruined.

So please, if you have any heart, kill this bill before it's even voted on.

Sincerely,
Justin Bouchard
A teenager who wants a future doing what he loves.