To whom it may concern,

I just received word of the new copyright laws concerning artists with the deadline on the 23rd. Needless to say I am outraged. Honestly, if this is just for money don't you have enough? My family is in a tough financial spot. We are a family of two just me and my mom with no one to help us. My mom tries to work but she needs three jobs just to support the household. I THOUGHT I could help her out by selling some of my art, which are usually dragon sketches that people seem to like. Now you're telling me that unless I register each one of my little sketches some random person can come along, steal them, and start selling them and I have no more legal right to them? Are you serious?

Our art is rightfully ours, you are just stealing from people now in an attempt to make extra money. This violates basic constitutional rights. Why? WHY are you doing this? Now whenever people want to share their art with the world they can't for fear it will be stolen. Is this what you want?

To put your law in a hypothetical situation. A seven year old child can make a sketch, and a twenty three year old man can just come along and copy it, claim his own child did it, and sell it.

You do realize even if you pass this bill you won't be getting the money you hope for. Many people won't go out of their way to register for copyright, exept a few professionals. You are giving anyone permission to take anyone's creation and sell it for personal gain. This means many art thieves will finally have a job. Now they can just take what they want from the small time artists, and it's perfectly legal. You are basically handing criminals money.

I'm begging you to stop this law. This is wrong, and you know it. We work hard on our art. We put our hearts and souls into our creations and now we can't even share them for fear of theft. And if we do dare to share them, they will only be taken from us. Well, if you do end up passing this law then I only have one thing to say:

I hope the extra money is worth all the pain and suffering you cause.

Signed,

A concerned sixteen year old artist.