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Dear Mrs. Pallante and the Copyright Office Staff,

I am writing this brief letter to express my concerns with the new recommendations that could resurrect the Orphan Works Act of 2008. As a graphic artist and webcomic artist whose entire works exists online, this news is of great concern to me. I write to you now in the hopes of not only rejecting the current suggested policies set before you but to instead integrate policies that will protect the rights of visual artist as well as music artists. The internet has grown into the greatest means of sustainable income for countless creative artists and authors. I ask that you protect the rights of these people, rather than chase us away for fear of having our work stolen or used with out our permission. Far too often I have found my artwork being sold on posters and mugs in the far reaches of the internet, but at least with our current laws I am able to request that they desist and they are obliged to obey. I am greatly concerned that people and companies will now be able to more easily get away with such theft. Our hard work should be considered our own, we deserve that much at the very least.

Thank you so much for your time,

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