US Copyright Office

I am writing in opposition to the new Copy Right Bill now being considered. The Orphan Works provisions in the law will infringe on my future as a visual artist.

I have for the last several years been training for a new career as Watercolorist upon retirement. I have a Bachelor's Degree in the visual arts with an emphasis on watercolor and ceramics and a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture. I will retire from my life's work as a Landscape Architect in a couple of years and then will start a new career as a painter. Supplementing my income with art sales is important to my ability to live in the future.

The pending law damages my ability to control how my work is used and by whom. To have my future work used without compensations is a form of theft. The actual paintings and digital images from them are an inventory of my work effort and should be for my use and not placed into the public domain.

Please reconsider the Orphan Works Provision.

Yours Truly

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