After reading about the Orphan Works Copyright Act, I got a sense of dread as my chosen profession and field would suddenly become hopelessly more complex. I am an artist who makes works of art on a near daily basis. I get paid for these artworks sometimes. My brother is also an artist and this is his main job. The Orphan Works Copyright Act is a threat to how we make a living. By passing these laws, you suddenly take the power of our artwork out of our hands and give it to anyone who wants to use our artwork without our knowledge. Half our time would suddenly be spent stopping theft and the other half would be filing paperwork to allow our artwork to be sold in our name.

Please, stop this act. It is a vile threat to artists. If the law won't stop art theft, then how can we be expected to make more art?