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U.S. Copyright
Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office:

I'm writing to stress that for me, and for artists like me, copyright law is not an abstract legal issue. Our copyrights are our assets. Licensing them is how we make our livings. I am writing to ask that you create policy to protect visual authors and their exclusive rights, and support a sustainable environment for professional authorship. I am an art student who on the side does commissions, I am also looking to sell prints as do many other artists like myself, and we'd like to maintain a certain degree of exclusivity to our works so that we can properly manage our own work without having to worry about people infringing upon our work. Everything WE create becomes a part of our business inventory, and in the digital age, inventory is more valuable to us than ever before. There is no way anyone would consent the monetizing of their own work without their consent.

Sincerely Yours,
Josephine Rivera