This is bad news for artists. An artist's work has always been protected by copyright through "ownership" of the image he/she has created. A majority of artists are not independently wealthy. They spend countless hours in the process of creating many, many works in the hope that one might sell. Many don't have the money to put into applying for a copyright for potentially hundreds of images of works that they have created. If artists have to go through the time and expense of documenting and sending every image they create to a copyright office, and then wait months for it to be officially protected, it will compromise their ability to share their work with a buying public. The arts need to be protected, but not over-regulated. Please don't vote to require me to have to manually copyright each of my works!

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