This is to add my voice as an American artist and writer to the strenuous objections of the creative and artistic community about the proposed changes to the Copyright Law and the intended revival of the dire and onerous Orphaned Works legislation. To replace the existing means of copyright protection with this legislation will create an untenable situation for artists in all fields, not only in the United States but likely abroad. Under the existing laws, all creations are protected from the moment of creation and are assumed to be the property of the creator unless said creator licenses or sells the rights, or any part thereof. This has been a simple and effective system, which has enabled creative people to work without the undue burden of protecting their work and has in fact enabled creativity in all fields to flourish. Under the Orphaned Works system, such freedom will not exist, as creative people will spend their time not practicing their craft or engaging in their vital works, but rather collating everything they have ever created retroactively to list all their work with private, for-profit registries that will charge creative people whatever exorbitant price they see fit for the service. This will create an insurmountable burden of both time and--most insurmountably--money that will stifle the very creativity that copyright laws are meant to protect. In their blind pursuit of maximum profits, these registries, whose motives are purely mercenary and not concerned with the health and well-being of creative expression at all--will render artists in all fields unable to work and unable to make any kind of living at what they do. Along with what I am sure must be many thousands of other practitioners of creative endeavors, I urge you to keep the Copyright Laws exactly as they are in their present form, under the auspices of the government Copyright Office where they belong, and allow the creative men and women who make our culture richer in ways surpassing money alone to continue their necessary work in the way that they need.