Konni Jensen Art

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RE: Orphan Act

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you to ask that you please do not change the current copyright laws.

I am a self taught illustrator and artist. I started my own company 3 years ago creating art and children's picture books. It's been an uphill battle with lots of expenses and trying to outsmart people wanting to steal my art. I am finally starting to see an income selling my books and copies of my paintings through reputable print on demand companies like fineartamerica. (one of the few that lets you keep your rights). Hearing of the new Orphan act scares me , it will undo all of my hard work and leave me with nothing. Art is my world, I have been creating ever since I could hold a crayon at age 3. I went to school and got a business degree and worked 16 hour days for 20 years in the corporate world making lots of people rich, but hardly getting rewarded myself. I have always wanted to make a living doing my art, but never had the chance until I got married to my amazing husband Aaron. Bless his heart, it has been a very expensive adventure, but we are finally seeing things turn around and I am now making money. I heard of the Orphan Act, which makes me very concerned as I would loose everything I have been working so hard for. If other people can take my art as their own and sell it, then what's the point of me creating the art? You say that I can register my pieces and then keep my rights, but I will not be able to afford that and will end up in debt. It seems very unfair that the creator of the art should not have the full copyright of said art. Piracy of music and movies is not allowed, so why should it be okay for art?

Art is my world, please don't take that away from me.

Sincerely yours,

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