Good afternoon,

I wish to say a little about myself before talking about this new Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works. While I've studied Copyright law and how it applies to the internet in college and applaud a move to change the current draconian laws, I do not believe this is the right way to go.

In the current proposal, it stands to profit for larger companies at the expense of singular artists. Many of the younger/inexperienced artists who are attempting to start into the world of selling their wares would not have the ability to file a copyright claim on their own works, causing many - some of them students still - to not be able to profit from current works or expand on their skills. Many artists use the internet as a source of critique as well as sales. Under this proposed law, it would void the artist's right to exclusive control of our own works, letting anyone with an internet browser use our artwork for their own financial profit.

Some artists produce such a large volume of work (regardless of their financial status) that it would be fiscally impossible to submit rights for every piece they've produced. Yet this is the way that many of us advertise, especially through the internet. This law would hurt hundreds of artists in our country - small businesses, if you will - and damage the growth and fluctuation of art as an international culture, regardless of where the artist themselves live.

Please, for my own financial future, rethink your proposal.