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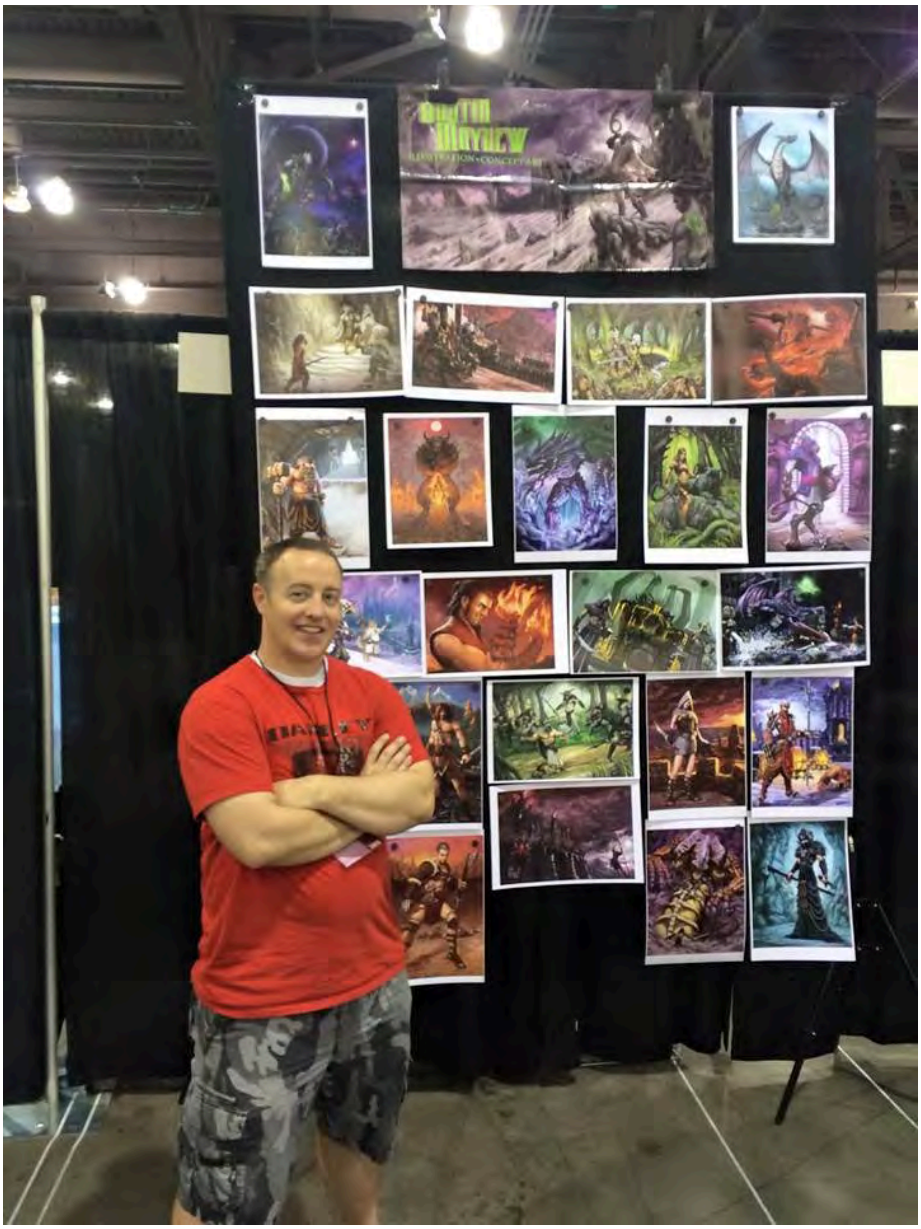
To the lawmakers of the USA,

My name is Justin Mayhew. I am an illustrator, and I live in Spanish Fork, Utah. I graduated from Utah Valley University with a Bachelors in Illustrationin 2014. I have been working in the field for a little over a year now, and I have worked mainly in game art for clients such as Wizards of the Coast, Sasquatch Game Studio, Kobold Gaming and Wulven Game Studio as a freelance artist. I also do a number of Comic Conventions each year where I sale my art in prints.

As far as this new bill is concerned for the future of my career I am completely opposed to it. I deserve the rights to my own artwork. If this bill is passed and my art is orphaned by bigger companies to be used however they want it will be a major detriment to my income and time. It is already very difficult to be an artist in todays day and age where there is so much competition. Some of my paintings that I do take as many as 50+ hours to complete. By allowing this bill to become law and to have to register every piece of work with a private registry office it will make my job very very difficult.

In the long term I believe it will have a negative impact on art in general. Real artists study and strive to become better, like an athlete, by training every day. If our art is open game to the public as this new bill would suggest, then what is the incentive to do it the very best we can as artists? Someone can steal and modify existing artwork and then call it there own, (taking only a few hours to do so) because they changed enough of it to be technically theirs. Therefore artists will stop climbing and do standard or ordinary easy work because real mastery level artwork will just be ripped off.

I cannot state this enough; THIS BILL IS TERRIBLE and I want it stricken from the United States. We should be free to express ourselves to the utmost and we should be free to make the very best art we can and we should be free to be the owners of this artwork (we already busted our asses to make it). **Please do not allow this bill to pass, keep our copyright laws the way they are!**



Thank You,

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