Dear, Copyright Office

The digital age has allowed us artist to really reach out to people without having to work with a big time publisher. Many artist have been able to make a living on their own because of this. However, copyright is still a pretty grey area on the internet and even now we have little protection on the sites we use to reach our audiences. If this law goes into effect this could possibly mean that artists work can be edited and redistributed by others without giving the original artist credit. Which is a loss in potential exposure and revenue. Any protection we did have for our work under copyright will be lost unless we sign with a big corporate agency.

I write to you not as a professional artist but as an artist who wishes to make a career out of free lancing. This means that I wish to make an income off of contracts made by people who commission me to draw for them. If this revision of copyright goes into affect. Not only will my own personal work be in jeopardy of being used in ways that I never intended it to be used for, but the work that my clients have paid for will also have a chance of being misused.

The world of visual art is a large one and this can not only affect people's lively hood but also the way the art industry is currently shaped. Many artists could be out of work and have to switch professions and for some artist they don't have the privilege of going back to school or simply switching their skill set.
Please don't let this change in the copyright law happen.

Sincerely,

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