Dear Copyright Office,

PLEASE do not allow the Orphan Works Act or any other Copyright Act to pass that would strip away the rights of individual artists. As a stock artist, my source of income relies on retaining the rights to my work. I have been a professional artist for over a decade in the tabletop gaming industry and I strongly oppose the concept that once my work has been published that it no longer has any commercial value. Every month, my income depends on the continued sale of limited copyrights of my work. So, the issue is not an abstract issue, but one that my business depends upon as my product is not merely the art I create but the license I sell. Infringing upon those rights is stealing from my family of six over whom I am the sole provider. My business will be destroyed if I have no control over whom and by whom my work is used. Rather, it becomes part of my inventory and releasing the use of that inventory is stealing from my digital warehouse. I thank you for the consideration and trust you to make the right and fair decision in this matter.

With Sincerity,
James E. Shields