Proposed Changes in Copyright Law: my opposition

I am informed that under the newly proposed and revised copyright law that artists and illustrators will no longer have control of their art work after first publication. If this is true, this change will be very damaging to artists and illustrators.

Does a song writer lose control of his song after its is first sung? No.

Does a movie production company lose control of its cinematic output once it has been initially shown? No.

Does a university press and the authors it represents lose control of book text once it has been published? No

I am a serious amateur artist. The idea that once I paint and exhibit a picture, it can be placed in the public domain and that others can then make money by selling the image is outrageous. Making the picture has in fact costs me thousands of dollars, from lessons, workshops, materials, framing, etc. If there is income to be made from reproducing the art work, including digital reproduction, I should derive a monetary benefit.

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