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To whom it may concern,

I place the copyright symbol and my name on each piece of art that I publish. This is very important because my art is very visible in the art world. It is marketed on the Internet and in publications worldwide. The Orphan Works Act will drastically hurt my business of creating art for profit on products because if manufacturers market their products without visual credit given, we artists will or may not be allowed to receive due acknowledgement or financial profit.

Although the existing Copyright Act needs improvement, it does protect ownership of the individual's art. The Orphan Works Act would guarantee infringement if a plagiarist could not find my name as artist.

I hope that the Copyright Office will seriously listen to this and the comments submitted by other artists. If the Orphan Works Act is enacted it will drastically change the art licensing industry. It will reduce the number of artists willing to license their art to manufacturers. We will have little hope in protecting our art with a copyright act that does not work. It will hurt the manufacturing of products that depend upon a steady supply of great work that sells products.

Please do not send The Orphan Works bill to Congress. Our livelihood depends on your decision.

Most sincerely,

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