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US. Copyright
Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

Let me first introduce myself: I am a game artist, 3D modeler, and cartoonist. I first started work as a freelancer in 2006, and have been working as such ever since. This new law that's about to pass would jeopardize my work and my personal creations. Taking the right to my work away is taking my money, and thus taking my time. Let me elaborate...

I'm sure the U.S. doesn't need more low-income workers at department stores, fast food, or otherwise. I'm sure that's where I would end up if I didn't have the security of creating and owning my own artwork. So far copyright has let me create freely and has let me confront anyone who infringed upon my rights. As far as I understand it, this new law that is about to pass would make it that if I didn't pay out of pocket to register my works with the U.S. government, my creations would be without a creator and could be taken by anyone. I'm already trying by best to earn money off my profession, talent, and creations. I'm sorry I haven't had enough to properly copyright all my creations, but "starving artist" isn't a term that showed up for no reason.

I feel hurt, and somewhat betrayed, that my free country would even consider no longer giving it's citizens the safety and comfort it always has. It was a country of growth, and security.

Please, don't let this law past. It's bad enough we're forced to pay for health insurance even when we can't afford it, and now this? I can't continue to create if I'm forced to pay for each creation I wish to share. Would you want the fear and stress that anyone watching you could take something you create and claim it as their own?

I beg you, please don't do this.

Sincerely,

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