My name is Kyle Hoskins and I have freelancing as an artist for several years. I am currently in the middle of building a multi-media brand made up of all of my original material. This bill directly affects my potential earnings. Copyright law is not an abstract legal issue; it is what protects the work I spend my time, energy and money on from being stolen. The market has placed clear and consistent value on artistic works. Entertainment is a multi-billion dollar industry, as is advertising which relies on artistic contribution. Art is not simply a hobby or a therapeutic tool, it is also an industry. Art isn't just fan fare, it is a product with real world value.

It is unethical for the United States Government to tell its citizens that freelance construction workers are worth getting paid but the people who write the copy for the real estate firm, or design the website for the firm, or provide concept art for the website, are not worth getting paid.

Even if an artist is not contracted, stealing someone else's creation for financial gain without compensating the source of that work is unethical. It's wrong. It's regulating theft. It is breaking the door to my house, walking in, and stealing my hard work.

Please do not endorse theft.