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Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

I am writing you in regards to the Orphan Works proposal.

I've been a cartoonist & illustrator for more than 35 years.

Copyright is the basis on which I do business. Infringing on my work is the same as stealing money out of my pocket.

Copyrights ARE the products that I sell, as well as derivative works in the cartoons, illustrations & art I produce.

Copyrights allow me to certify it is my work, deal with people who attempt to steal it, stop them from profiting from my hard earned work.

An artist's copyright should have the same legal protection from poachers as giant corporations like Nike & Disney.

EVERYTHING I create becomes part of my inventory that I use to create my income for today & into the future.

I've worked hard to become the artist I am today & I in no way want anyone making money from my artwork without my knowledge or consent. Would you?

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Ahern