Dear Sir/Madame,

Hello! I am a fellow high school student who has just recently been aware of such ridiculous acts to remove copyright laws to artists; To be quite frank, this is astounding. I had no idea greed could take hold of the government in such manners. As a high school student, I have worked hard to keep my grades; even as a little child, I was motivated to go to school. The reason for being so motivated was because I knew school would bring me one step closer to my dreams - everything I have ever dreamed of. Good grades, good heart, and the perseverance to graduate with honors has been my goal - to become one of the greatest artists of my generation.

Unfortunate acts from the congress has put my lifelong dream to risk now. It truly pains me to see such natural rights being at risk today. What is almost impossible to comprehend is that copyright laws will be used privately for profit. The art that I create is mine, not anyone else's. How can people be greedy enough to take away the right of personal belonging? If laws are being changed in the future similar to what is occurring now, it would not be surprising for other belongings of the citizens to be taken away without warning or real need.

How can this possibly be? I have worked so hard and shed tears to reach my level of expertise - my dreams and what inspires me the most could quite possibly be gone in the blink of an eye. This is ridiculous and needs to stop, as you've probably heard from many other artists. Greed is what powers our nation nowadays. The right for creativity will soon be slaughtered unless those that have power have a change of heart, quite possibly from the words you are reading in this letter or from someone else. The death of current copyright laws will be the death of my dreams and the dreams of so many other artists. Do not make the mistake of slaughtering

our natural rights as creators; even currently, artists are fighting a war against theft from people that claim art as their own to make a profit.

Without our copyright laws, consider the war lost. Some artists have a hard enough time to financially sustain themselves; in my shoes, for example, my mother works full time and we live in a humble apartment. We do not usually have spare money for vacations or many luxuries, but what we do have is creativity and the love for art.

What little we have as United States citizens will soon be taken because of greed - nothing more. If you can find reason to believe what is soon to change is wrong, I will know in a few short days. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns on the issue we as artists now face.

Thank you,

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