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Dear Whomever this May Concern,

I am writing in opposition of the Orphan Works Copyright Act. I am an artist, a graphic artist by hobby, and an illustrator. I certainly can't afford for my work to be registered to independant copyright holders just to protect my works from getting stolen.

I believe that this law is very unconstitutional in the fact that it basically takes the artist's rights away on how they protect and distribute their work. There are a lot of artist's livelihoods that would be greatly affected by this unconstitutional legistature and it would seriously hurt and demean everything they've ever done and basically make it "open season" for anybody to use theirs or even my artwork that I've ever created and posted online.

People post artwork online to show what they've done. They want to share their work with the world and in some cases sell it. In my case I personally enjoy creating different types of art to share with my friends online. I know when one posts a work they do run that risk of it being taken. But this "Orphan Works Copyright Act" would make it that much easier for works to be stolen, altered, and reposted as theirs and if the original artist can't afford to have their copyrights registered, they're basically up crap creek with out a paddle. And this is very wrong and again unconstitutional.

Since when do we live in a world where our rights are slowly being taken away? I pray that whoever reads this takes this to heart and listens to what I have to say. My opinion may not matter to some but it matters to me. Please think about what you're doing can have serious consequences for many types of artists, writers, graphic arists, illustrators, etc.

In conclusion if this gets law gets passed, a lot of people who practice the craft of art in some way shape or form will be severely affected. It is wrong to strip us of our rights and again very unconstitutional. I wouldn't say that if I didn't believe this was and I do believe that this Orphan Works Copyright Law is indeed very unconstitutional in every sense of the word.

I'm serverly against this legislation passing. It spells trouble for everybody who calls themself an artist. Please don't take our rights away. That's why our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independance and why the Constitution and Bill of Rights were created. So the American people can have rights and freedom. To declare freedom from those that threaten to take our rights away as independant American citizens and if this law gets put into effect, that's exactly what you're doing, taking our fundamental rights away to be a free thinking American artists. I declare that the Orphan Works Copyright Act very Unconstutional, for American artists and artists everywhere.

Signed,
By an American Artist