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U.S. Copyright Office
Re. Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office:

I'm an Artist, Educator and Designer with my own business for 15 years.

Copyright is the foundation on which I protect my business. Infringing on my work that I've invested in through paying for my education and establishing my business is the same as stealing hard-earned money right out of my pockets.

Copyright protects me, my art, and the products that are my business. No company would even think about infringing upon a big name organization, because they would find themselves in court with a line-up of lawyers. Your office is what the smaller artist has to protect them. Please don't throw us under the bus just because Internet firms and legal scholars want to help others avoid just paying an artist for creative work.

If Orphan Works goes through, artists will have an even harder time keeping people who steal our images and will end up spending a great deal of time and money on lawyers and courts.

I need your help to protect my business and me. If Orphan Works passes, the Copyright Office is a good as handing out money from my bank account. You wouldn't want anyone helping himself or herself to your bank would you?

Sincerely,

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