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U.S. Copyright Office
Orphan Works
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to a proposed law that would replace all existing copyright law. I am a designer/artist who makes my living from licensing the right to reproduce my art on product. My artwork can be found on a wide variety of products all over the world. I have been in the art business for 25+ years.

It has taken years of hard work, and building my business up to be able to make enough income to live solely on my artwork. The copyright law protects me from anyone who wants to use my artwork without my permission. The proposed law will make it legally possible for anyone to use my work without paying me for it. It would take away any power to stop anyone from using my artwork, and making money by using it on their product. That in turn is money out of my pocket. It is difficult enough to sustain a small business with the high cost of health insurance, and self employment taxes, and other challenges. This proposed law would be detrimental to my way of life.

I am only one example of how this proposal would negatively affect my business. As a whole, freelance artist and independent artist have enough challenges trying to make a decent living. **I strongly feel this proposal should be dismissed.**

Sincerely,

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