July 20th, 2015

Dear US Copyright Office, or to whom it may concern:

This is a letter of clarification and apology, as I'm sure you've received many letters from people (including me) in concern about the Orphan Works Act being reintroduced to replace our current copyright system.

With some more research, and some new articles popping up about the fear of this bill being introduced, I now know it to not be true at all.

All of this started because of an artist (Will Terry) uploading a lengthy one hour and 25 minute video that basically stated what we were all fearing, that the Orphan Works Act was being reintroduced as a replacement for current copyright law, and that content-creators' ownership of their work was in complete jeopardy. Not soon after, social media (mainly on Tumblr) were urging people to spread word and to urge the US Copyright office to not support this bill, sign petitions, and so-forth.

While our hearts were in the right place, it is no excuse for us as an internet community to not do our own research before spreading word of something that may be false. I myself have been guilty of this.

Therefore this is hopefully a letter that will reduce any confusion that you may have experienced do to the influx of letters you have gotten regarding the Orphan Works Act.
And it is also a letter of apology, I am unsure of how many people have contacted you realizing that this was misinformation spread on a grand scale, but I unfortunately contributed to it, and I apologize on behalf of everyone that did.

I can safely say that word is now spreading around quickly on how that video and numerous posts on the subject are false, and it's catching on real quick. And again, I apologize for contributing to that misinformation and I apologize for sending a previous letter about that misinformation.

I wish you a good day and thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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