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I am a commercial sign artist. I depend on my artwork for my livelihood. I have a registered copyright on a design which I sell for vehicles and is unique to me. Not having my artwork protected from others using it without my permission would put me out of business . I consider this copyrighted work to be my intellectual property. It is much like an invention, an idea birthed in someone's mind and rendered into something of value, is intellectual property and unique to him. Therefore. ideas and artwork should always be protected by federal copyright laws which current today. The control of this law must never be put in the hands of private organizations who wish to change the laws and policies in order to profit from ones' intellectual property. Any artwork out there, including the internet, must be protected for the one who created it. Changing the laws to open it up will cause grand theft and the owners of the work will have no way to stop someone from stealing it. We must maintain the current copyright protection to protect the many businesses that depend on it. Thank you for considering my thoughts and strong feelings.