To the U.S Copyright Office

Dear To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Stevana Sego and I am an artist. I am writing in regards to the Return of the Orphans Act that I have so recently heard about. I find the entire act intolerable and outrageous.

I am an artist that does not make a lot of money from my work; being an artist is a hard profession to be in as it is. Now our government finds it necessary to strip away what protects our creations from theft and corruption, and instead allows corporations and the layman alike to use, re-distribute, even sell my works without my knowledge and/or consent.

Furthermore, this act requires that I register all of my work, for a price, with a private registry office in order for me to have legal rights to my own work? Even though I made it? Ridiculous! And that is the only way I have any right to that work? Absolutely preposterous!

This is the highest form of outrage and insult I am being submitted to as an artist and a human being. By instituting this act, the U.S government is taking away my rights protected under the U.S Constitution as an individual by infringing on my freedom of expression and my rights to my personal property. Furthermore, it criminalizes me if I create something and do not register it, but makes the people who will use it free of any kind of obligations or inhibitions.

This act has nothing to do with protecting the rights of the individual artist, it is all about control and money-making in the interests of those involved, other than the artist.

Sincerely,

Stevana Sego