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To the Copyright Office,
I am writing in regards to the "Next Great Copyright Act". I have been a professional visual artist for over 30 years. I have been an illustrator, graphic designer and animator. The interernt have brought great changes and opportunities to my field of work. It has also created new difficulties, with the theft of visual works being the uppermost problem. Too often I have found people using my images illegally. The new copyright law will make this theft even easier. It has always been, during my lifetime, that I have the implied copyright and ownership of my creations. It is how I make my living. I negtiate with other parties who want to use my talents and images for their needs, which I am in turn, payed for. If large companies can just put my work into databases of images and sell those rights to others just because they "found them on the internet" does not mean they have the right to profit off my work. Please do not implement this new law, it will take away the ability for artists to earn a living off of their creative work, which is not the American way of doing things.

Sincerely

Timothy Young