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Dear Sirs, Madams,

I have been an artist and painter for 40 years and I make my living not just by selling original works of art but by selling printed reproductions. I have spent years in art schools in Ohio and New York City and with private teachers. If the proposed Orphan Works Act passes it will grant anyone and everyone permission to steal from me and to alter my original works without compensation. Much of the last forty years of my work is published online both on my personal website and various other sites including galleries sites where I exhibit my work and sites where I have been singled out for awards or recognition. When my work is published, it increases in value, as does my overall business, it's value does not diminish! I believe that I, the creator of this work should make any determination whether someone can use or publish my work and for what fee they may do so. Any rules that take this away from me will ruin my business. I regard this Orphan Works proposal to be unconstitutional.

Sincerely yours,

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