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I have been a dabbling in art for the past two decades and recently have become noted as an artist. As I am entering retirement my art has become the mainstay of my financial livelihood. I now depend on money made from my art to support my family and if you pass this copyright law I stand to loose everything I have worked for and ultimately will not be able to support my family or myself. For me realistically, as a rising senior citizen, I will most likely not be able to obtain gainful employment outside the home a sobering side effect of aging up. As such I not only depend on money made from the sale of original works but also on the money I make from the sale of hard copy and digital prints made from my older original works. To think that someone can now come and make money off of my art without my permission and myself the creator of the art will not be able to retain any payment is appalling. Just think, this basically is akin to sending someone out to work, they show up, work hard and on payday find out they will not receive a paycheck.

To date artists historically have been raped from the receipt of much of their due financial gains by large corporate organizations both here in the US as well as abroad. Our art is consistently being infringed upon creating great ongoing financial losses to many artists. The few rights and protections that artists currently retain will now be ripped from our hands thus placing an entire industry of fine, visual, etc., artists at severe risk of certain artistic and/or financial death. As artists, we work just as hard as our contemporaries who work in the job market. As such we should be able to retain all of our rights and privileges to our works especially since art is personally created and, as such is personal property.

Under your proposed new law, many professionals would need to personally incur the cost of close to a million dollars in order to register both their new and old works which is unrealistic as most will not be able to financially afford and the personal time needed to digitize all works would amount to thousands of hours, again totally unrealistic. They would need to give their work to an organization to do this work for them resulting in loss of personal intellectual properties as the organization will take those artistic privileges. This is forcefully taking artists rights, freedoms and privileges. In plain words, this new law supports the **THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY. WE AS CITIZENS LIVING IN THE USA ARE ENTITLED TO THE CHOICE OF EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUR PRIVATE BELONGINGS WHICH IN THIS CASE IS OUR ART, THAT WE OURSELVES CREATED. PLEASE, DO NOT PASS THIS LAW, IT IS GRAND THEFT!**

THANKS FOR LISTENING AND CONSIDERING MY INPUT
Stacie Raglione artist