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Maria Pallante
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RE: Notice of Inquiry, Copyright Office, Library of Congress
Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)

Dear Ms. Pallante and the Copyright Office Staff:

It is imperative that the Orphan Act not be resurrected and put into use, as it would have catastrophic consequences to artists in the United States and across the world by, according to my understanding, effectively nullifying current copyrights in order to give various persons and corporations "with good intentions" the ability to legally steal and profit from other people's creations without permission.

I am an amateur artist who posts works on the internet, including websites like Wikipedia, and Deviant Art. While other people have stolen my art before, the current copyright laws permit me to force such thieves to either compensate me or delete the stolen products. If this new Copyright law comes into use, how would I be able to protect my art from art thieves with "good intentions," but no desire to contact me about asking permission?

Sincerely, Stanton F. Fink