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U.S. Copyright
Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

I am a Digital Artist & Illustrator for Licensing, and have been working in this field for more than 20 years.

There is no dollar amount high enough to express the value of my copyrights, they are the foundation of my work. Allowing someone easy access to steal my copyrights would be the same as condoning shoplifting and simply looking the other way. Copyrights are what allow me to certify each image I create as my work, and mine alone, allowing me to protect my work from infringement and outright theft.

I license my art to several manufacturers, allowing them to use it for producing onto different product lines for their gain. As each image of my art becomes produced or published, it increases its value, both for me and for my client.

Every piece of art I create becomes a vital part of my business inventory, which I need for the clients I work with today, as well as potential clients I'll work with tomorrow. When my inventory gets stolen by infringers, it rocks the very foundation of my business.

As an artist, copyright infringement is already something I deal with on a daily basis with great difficulty. Please do not make it even more difficult for me to protect what is rightfully mine. I need better copyright laws that help me protect my art, not new laws that make it harder for me, but easier for infringers to steal money out of my pockets.

I do not condone shoplifting. I do not condone theft of my art by those who would use it without my knowledge or consent.

Thank you for your attention and time.

Sincerely yours,

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