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Attention: Copyright Office
Regarding: 2015 Orphan Works and Mass Digitization Report

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please find this letter expressing our agencies concern regarding copyright laws. We are a group of Artist Representatives that helps illustrators make a living through the field of illustration for commercial purposes.

It is imperative that the copyright of the artists work is protected in print and in digital formats to preserve their right to their works, which should be protected by law. Also, this is imperative as this is how they make their living.

We negotiate for the illustrators based upon the amount of time each works takes and the usage. This is how this field has always operated and it is important that this is preserved. The artwork in question takes time to create and the work should never be exploited for someone else's commercial gain. It is so important that they are protected so they can continue to make a living off of their artwork.

It is extremely concerning that this copyright protection would even be in question. It should be protected more tightly in this digital age rather than loosened up. In 2015 the world is becoming more and more digital and because of this fact many illustrators and we advertise via social media and other digital platforms.

We place the illustrators work within these platforms to promote and bring more work in for them. Not to offer this work out to others to monetize their work. It should always be protected.

Any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me.

All the best,

Stacey Endress
Agent for Illustration (USA) Inc.