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Dear Copyright Office:

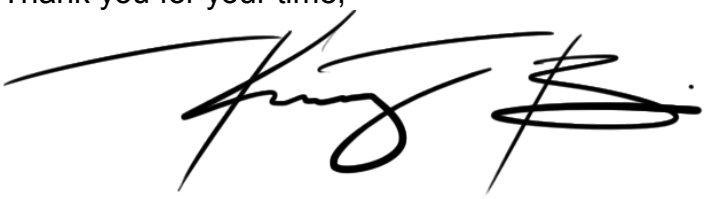
I am writing you to ask that you keep our current copyright law the way it is.

I am a freelance character designer and comics creator. It's taken me over five years of experience and research to create the niche that facilitates both my artistic and professional goals and endeavors. In one aspect of my craft, I provide a service to other content creators who otherwise wouldn't be able to visualize their creations. Whether it's for a game, comic, film or written story, I offer character designs to further their visions. This is how I make the majority of my income. And on the other hand, I've developed a production pipeline for an independent story in the form of a creator-owned comic series. My projected launch date is in the fall of this year. I aim to apply this pipeline to future titles with which I also plan to create a publishing entity. All in an effort to further my presence and voice as a storyteller and purveyor of a higher consciousness.

In recent years, my ambitions as a creator have never been so clear. And this kind of clarity is paramount for building a livelihood from one's honed skills.

This is why the copyright laws must not change. My hopes are only possible with the foundation based off of these existing laws. If the new legislation is put into action, the success of publication and distribution of my titles will be of little to no value, making it impossible for me to continue to produce work for myself, not to mention the work I've created for my clients and their projects. I have already experienced infringers from another country who edited my name right off of the art to sell T-shirts, excluding me entirely from the process. Mass digitization and the orphan works legislation will suppress any possibility of me making a living off of my own ideas and developed craft. Please don't pull the rug from underneath my and so many other creators' feet.

Thank you for your time,



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