Hello, I'm Stephanie. I have been a freelance artist for about 4 years, and use my freelancing/ personal work as my only means of income. I'm in school at the Academy of art University in San Francisco, and about to graduate. Along with freelancing, I also make my own personal work, which I submit onto the Internet.

Copyright protects my works from theft, and is the only thing protecting my work so I alone can make monetary gains off of it. The current copyright law is the only thing standing between me the creator and others who wish to take my work and use it without my permission for their own monetary gains. My work upon being made needs to be protected, it is a lifeline, and I sell my personal work on merchandise and prints. If I can't do that, because others have done it with my work, than I won't be able to make my living off of it anymore.

I need to control who can use my work; I should be the one who can control who has permission to use my work. My work can still be sold by me even when it's posted publicly, because people want the merchandise and prints my work comes on and also can only get it through me. All of my work becomes part of my business inventory, and because of how easily my inventory can be accessed in the digital age, it means even more to me that it is protected.

Sincerely,
Stephanie