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I am going to college to become an animator, and more specifically, so that I can better bring my ideas and worlds to life. I want to make people happy, to make them inspired! An important part of doing so is taking pride in the fact that the images and characters that I put on paper are my own. I created them, and I own them. They are spawned from my hand, and as such, are inherently born with my own personal copyright. No one else is allowed to use them without my permission, other wise they would lose their significance.

As an artist, being someone who creates things for a living, I need to be able to take control over my works without having to go out of my way to pay someone for a copyright. I cannot make a living under a government that does not respect my own work, or the work of other artists.

Please, consider the impact that this legislation will have. Businesses and corporations will use the artwork of hardworking, creative individuals without proper pay or respect. Artists do not recieve enough respect as it is, and a law that essentially removes that small amount would do far more harm than good. Artists deserve to be paid for use of their services just as much as everyone else.