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Dear Copyright Office:

I am writing to you specifically today, to kindly ask you that you do not replace our existing copyright law with the revised legislation currently under consideration.

I have been an artist my whole life and have been supporting my family drawing comics, art books and making games for the past 20 years. A large online community of some 42 thousand people currently enjoys my daily posts. One day I am planning on capitalizing on it and releasing a high quality art book with my best sketches. This is the only insurance I have for securing the health and education of my kids – growing an online community which gives back and supports me.

The protection of all my work is of utmost importance to my livelihood, and I have struggled to fight the piracy for years.
Mass digitization together with orphan works legislation will cripple me as a creator and most likely bring me to a bankruptcy as I won't be selling as much work as I normally do. My online community will vanish because of the ridiculous way you make me register my work before I post it – I just can't pull this off, being a father, a husband and hard working man.

Please, don't let this proposed law to replace the existing copyright law! Every single creator will be eternally grateful to you.

Sincerely,

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