This letter is in regards to **"The Next Great Copyright Act"**

As a visual artist, whose entire income is dependent upon the ownership to my copyrights upon my designs and artwork, I am deeply troubled by the language of this proposed Copyright Act.

I am a visual artist in Los Angeles, who's been in active business solely through my artwork since 2010. I work in creating poster art, paintings, illustrations, and designs for signage; I dedicated six years at Laguna College of Art and Design and Art Center College of Design, majoring in Illustration and Fine art. I have multiple clients in various fields including music, writing, and public service. I am only able to sustain my livelihood through the licensing through my artwork. The fact that I retain all my copyrights, especially in this digital age, is what keeps me from losing all form of income.

The act of creating my artwork is a process of building my inventory of goods, to sell through my personal business by means of licensing my artwork. It is vital to retain my right as to who is allowed to use my work, and the context in which it is used, so that I may retain the integrity of my brand, and it isn't taken out of context for which the artwork was intended.

The act of publishing my artwork, especially by means of the Internet and other modern publications, is a means to promote my brand, my message, and to attract new clients; therefore generating income. It creates a demand, and by no means diminishes the artwork's value; on the contrary, it strengthens and grows in value through such publications. The whole point of being a visual artist is to have the public see the artwork. This proposed Copyright Act would effectively allow businesses to steal, and unjustly use my artwork, rather than license the right to use it; if enacted, this new Act would effectively damage my brand, my business, and my livelihood- to the extent that I would be unable to support myself.

The current law for copyrights is the entire basis on which my business rests. It protects my brand's integrity, my business success, and my rights to the products, which I create for the sole purpose of licensing. This is not an abstract legal issue; it impacts myself, and the thousands of other artists that contribute to our services in a visual nature, in the most intimate way. To pass this new Act would leave us gaged and bound, unable to protect that which we created and worked so hard to produce.

I implore that these words be heard, and that "The Next Great Copyright Act" does NOT pass. It would be known as "The Next Great Copyright Catastrophe" if passed. Do not allow this infringement upon my artistic rights happen.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Schoth (Creator of Luella Spark)