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Re: 2015 Orphan Works and Mass Digitization Report

Members of Congress:

As a 40 year professional producing visual artist, award winner in show of national Scope who has worked for forty years in painting, my copyrights are extremely important and vital to my income. Copyright law is not an abstract legal issue, but the basis on which your business rests. My copyrights are the products we license which means that infringing my work is like stealing my money. It's important to my businesses that I remain able to determine voluntarily how and by whom my work is used. My work does NOT lose its value upon publication.

In the contrary it increases the value. Everything I create becomes part of my business inventory. In the digital era, inventory is more valuable to artists than ever before.

It is not in the best interest of visual artists. I am strongly opposed to the 2015 Orphan Works and Mass Digitization Report and hope it does not pass by Congress.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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