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Register of Copyrights

U.S. Copyright Office

101 Independence Ave. S.E.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am currently writing to you to ask that you do not replace our current copyright law with the legislation currently under consideration.

My name is Sarah, I am twenty years old and I am a freelance concept artist. I am unable to take up physical employment for medical disabilities that currently render it impossible to sustain a job. Free lance work is currently my only source of income to help support my family. I have just only recently been able to put my foot into the door with my intelectual property of concepts and ideas. The current copyright act is absolutely crucial to protect my previous work and ideas and my concept images and to be able to continue elaborating upon and selling them.

To replace our existing copyright law would endanger my only current possibilty for a career and to make a living. Not only does it currently only seem to stand to protect photographs, illustrations, and other visual works- thusly not protection any intellectual property of mine, of which I intend to base all my work- but it also only helps to give revenue to internet companies with money that I already do not have. It stands to become a thing of privledge to be able to protect my works and my intellectual property. For a freelancer, that is all I have.

I'm afraid I have very little to say upon the technical application of this legislation and how exactly it will effect me if it passes. I do, however, know that it will make it even more of a struggle for me to be able to share my concepts and intellectual property without being succeptible to infringers. This will make it

impossible for me to produce new works without competing with now older free works or companies that are capable of protecting their rights.

I wish more than anything to retain my work and personal intellectual property's integrity and what revenue I can. Without our current copyright laws, I would not be able to even be able to start where I am. If this bill were to pass, being as small as a freelancer as I am, I would be without career or capability to make money from my works. Thank you for reading my letter, and giving me a chance to voice my concerns and disagreements with this revised legislation.

-Sarah McVey