Hey. Hello.

What is it that you think you are trying to do? I understand that at the base of your endeavor with this proposed copyright law, you're intending to make it easier for people to use art.

But you are missing the point. My art is mine. It is not orphan. It is not something people should be able to take without my permission.

No one on this planet would allow me to get away with going into my neighbor's yard and pulling up their rosebush because I wanted that rosebush and I couldn't find the owner at the time I stole it. I would be found guilty of theft!

That is exactly what this copyright law you are proposing would enable people to do to my art.

Currently, if someone takes my art, claims it as theirs, and tries to profit from it, I can step up as the owner of that art and get it taken down. With your new law, I would have to do the following:

- Register all art I've ever done. (These works number in the thousands.)
- Ignore anyone who stole/used any art I did not have copyrighted.

Do you see what you are doing? You are making it EASIER for people to steal, while penalizing the people who created this art by forcing them to spend thousands of dollars in copyright registrations. While I am SPENDING money on art that I MADE, infringers are making money off of art they never had a hand in creating!

This is absolute garbage.

I have already had many people steal my art and tell me, when they were caught, that they had the right to use this art (and in one case, profit from it!) because they couldn't find me as the owner.

I can't say this enough: You are giving rights to thieves. You are enabling corporations to steal something I worked hard on and use it for their own personal gains. The ONLY people who have the right to make money from MY art are:

- Me (this should go without saying.)
- People I EXPRESSLY give permission to.

People who do not have the right to use my art:

- Everyone else, including (but not limited to):
    - People who find my art on a google search
    - People who see my art posted on an art website and want to take it
    - Corporations who I have not licensed to used my art
    - You
    - Your friends
    - Your mom and her friends

If this law passes, I am going to start seeing my neighbor's rosebushes as art, and I'm going to start taking them and planting them in my yard. And there is nothing anyone will be able to do to stop me.

Because under your proposal, you are allowing exactly that.

Don't do it.

Don't allow it.

Don't even think about it anymore.