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Next Great Copyright Act—opposed.

To Whom It May Concern:
I am writing about the Next Great Copyright Act. I am opposed to it for the following reasons.

I have a masters degree and have made a good living in public relations. I am also a budding mixed media, watercolor and mosaic artist and have already received awards for my work. In the not too distant future, I hope to practice as an artist full time and to sell my artwork.

By voiding my Constitutional right to the exclusive control of my work, you are infringing on my income. My work does not lose its value upon publication. I can make prints, cards, offer it as a screen saver, put it on shirts and more.

Giving anyone the ability to do the same is like stealing from me. I do not welcome someone else monetizing my work for their own profit without my knowledge or consent.

Instead, I would be in favor if someone who wanted to post my work of art would contact me and get permission (if I so allowed).

Isn't this the current law? As a P.R. professional, I do follow this and would never think of posting a piece of art for promotion purposes unless I had permission or it was legally purchased.

I believe that explanation of and a campaign to promote the current copyright law is necessary.

Many people probably don't know that they are infringing copyright rules. The solution isn't to then let everyone infringe. You would be infringing on people's right to income.

The only "winners" of the new law seem to be online entities that will offer our work for sale and get more money by doing so.

Please reconsider and do what's best for the creator, not for the pirate who will plunder our work.

Thank you,
Diane Pinnick