To whom this may concern:

As an artist, I find this proposal of changing current copyright law most concerning.

The authors of this legislation have apparently not considered the ramifications of this proposal.

The art business is very much international....It is not an Americans [only] "Creative Workers Union". Other countries are not in favor of this proposal and would not ratify such as a law. This would definitely affect the World Trade Agreements in regards to the visual arts.

It is my understanding the authors of this proposed legislation are not artists, do not have knowledge of the art business, or an understanding of the need for copyright protected works.

Such reliance on persons of dubious qualifications is tatamount to asking a kindergarten-age child to write legislation on Nuclear Energy policies.

If there is some "need" (although I cannot see one) to change copyright law, at least assemble a panel of those who will be affected by such changes the most: Writers, musicians and visual artists.

As I understand it, these proposed changes will benefit the few and be most disadvantageous to the many who produce the arts, this legislation will not protect.

Sincerely,

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