Ok. Im going to try to say this In a logical and polite manner. I understand buisnesses want to make money. It's a part of American culture pretty much at this point to be as profitable as possible. However, there is a point where it becomes abuse of the law and people for these laws. This new copyright act If I am to understand it correctly will give the right to big business to use art and the like at will if you haven't registered it with a commercial group. This poses some very large issues for many artists. This includes both digital and traditional artists.

First lets take a look at how hard it is already for people who want to make art for a living to actually do that. First off they are usually unable to get a job in industries without a specific style or mindset, which can be a very large hindrance by itself. Then, those that try and make money just with commissions and the sort usually have to grossly underprice their own works just for people to be ok with commissioning them. The hours of work that go into making art are squandered down to 20 dollars for a 100 dollar amount of work very often just to try and get yourself started. Then there is dealing with customers who don't pay, people who try and claim your work as their own, which from my understanding is what this new set up basically allows companies to do, which you must then stop them from selling as their own already.

If this new law is passed, Artist will have no rights to their own works they will be forced into even worse contracts and the like than they are already in and the companies will have free reign over it all to do as they please. Its like giving a book of matches to a child and expecting them not to burn something. They will do exactly what art thieves already try and do in the current set up and will be much worse because they are allowed to do so. I as an artist am trying my hardest to get my art to a point where I can monetize it in some shape or form. It's slow progress but it at least is fair enough to where I can say my art is my art. If this new set up is passed it will basically make it impossible to do.

Sincerely, Isaiah Moses (Professor Bic)