To whom it concerns:

I don't know how to begin to express how much of an absolute outrage the proposed law, "The Next Great Copyright Act," particularly the part that brings about Orphan Works. This is an inexcusable and back-handed system for corporate money-making and blatant stealing from hard-working artists—and I don't care what the law is, artists are always the RIGHTFUL owners of their own art. I'm sure you're all very much aware of the financial gains to be had in this disgusting venture, and I'm sure you wouldn't care to give a first thought to the people it would hurt, but still ***I STRONGLY URGE ANYONE WHO READS THIS TO CONSIDER FOR ONE MOMENT THE CONSEQUENCES THIS COULD HAVE ON PEOPLE***.

There are people who live solely or in large part on the money they make from selling their art. There are people with families to feed and rents and bills to pay and groceries to buy. If you pass this law and allow corporations to steal from these people, I guarantee you I know a few that would be out on the street with children, and I'm sure there are thousands if not tens or hundreds of thousands more in this country alone. People could get sick and not have the money to pay for medical bills. People could ***DIE*** because of the money stolen from them as a result of this proposed law, and ***THEIR BLOOD WOULD BE ON YOUR HANDS. YOU SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES.***

I am shocked by what goes on every day in this country and what people try to get away with. We talk about corporate greed, but greed doesn't come from steel and concrete. It comes from the individuals in that corporation. Every single living, breathing person who was, is, or will be a part of this should look in the mirror and feel disgusted with what you're trying to do. That includes the people at Google. Absolutely ***APPALLING***.

Signed:

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