I'm 16 years old. I love to make art, it's been my passion for a long time. It helped me through many hard times.

But..
What is an Orphan Work?

Would it void my Constitutional right to the exclusive control of my own work?

My art is something that is very dear to me. Everything I do is made from my heart.
I have had people take my art before, and sell it, and make money off of my art, without my knowledge.. and.. it felt so hurtful. I worked so hard to make such a beautiful piece, and I had strangers printing out copies and selling it online and making money off of it. I didn't make money off of my work at all. It felt so hurtful somebody would want to steal something to personal from me (my artwork) and sell copies, and copies, and even more copies! My art is a part of me. I can't even begin to describe how wrong it is to take someone's art and use it for commercial use without informing or rightfully paying the artist.

I'm afraid that with the Orphan Work thing, people will be allowed to steal my art time and time again.
My art will basically be worth nothing, my talent will be worth nothing, because *anybody* could take it. They could take it, and not even tell anybody I was the creator of it. In fact, they would be able to misinform the world that somebody else did, even. My art would be no longer valuable. No longer special.

Furthermore I refuse to let strangers take my photographs and use them. That is a COMPLETE invasion of privacy.

I am disappointed that Orphan Works will be coming back. My rights as an artist will be stripped naked. I feel as if I am about to cry. The person who thought of this idea to take artist's rights away, and to let the public steal their work -- is heartless, selfish, and most importantly, an idiot. Can you even IMAGINE how many lawsuits will arise from this? The court can't handle it, I can assure you that.

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