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I strongly believe the Copyright law should NOT be changed as proposed. The changes being considered will strip the creators of works of art of the rights they have earned by creating works of art from nothingness, from their imaginations, from their hard work.

Never forget that creating works of art is, in fact, hard work. Hard work that must be protected.

Those that create works of art must be allowed to control when, where, and by how their work is used. To pervert this process is to pervert the meaning of both “art” and “work.”

To allow others to pervert that process and use these works of art for their own purposes is not a “next generation” idea. It is a very old idea: theft. To take what someone else has created, without permission or remuneration, is as old as possessions and it is, and has always been, called theft.

Today’s new, digital, generation thankfully does allow the wider distribution of art. That should be celebrated and protected, it should not allow for the greater theft of art. The “next generation” of copyright law should not make theft easier – it should make it harder.

While I doubt that those that create will stop creating if this misguided law is passed. I do not doubt that they will be poorer. Not just poorer financially; but also, mentally, physically and spiritually. To see your work perverted for someone else’s profit it not “next generation” art – it is theft.

Stop this “next generation” law. Stop perversion of work and art. Stop theft.