As I understand it the new Next Great Copyright act would replace all existing copyright law; the existing law that affords creators a Constitutional right to the exclusive control of the work we create.The proposed change will take that control out of our hands. Literally, taking food from our mouths. No one should be given license to hijack artist's creations.

The very thought that the government is even entertaining such an idea (again) is sickening and wrong on so many levels. Pressuring artists, many who live hand to mouth, to register works with commercial registries--for profit entities--places undue hardship on artists and offers no return to the community at large. Non-creators will be positioned to profit from the hard work of artists.

It is hard enough to keep infringers out of our pockets without giving them a license to steal unchecked. What we require is more protections, not less.

I urge you to consider the damage that will be done if this proposed Act is allowed to go forward.

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