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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am both a visual artist and a design consultant, spending 6o+ hours per week in the visual arts, and have done so for many, many years. I am college educated, dedicated to my work, and have won awards for my artwork.

I write in strong opposition to the pending changes to copyright law that would allow the easy ownership of my work through changes to the law that would allow very deep pocketed companies from essentially "owning" my work. This transfer of ownership through a laundering of images is like stealing money from me and other artists.
My inventory is my work, in all its forms, published or unpublished, and all of us artists face more challenges these days, in the digital age, than every before.

Allow me and only me to determine who may use my work, the work that I've invested time, study, and emotion to create. Do not let others take what does not belong to them and profit from it, leaving the creator of the artwork with nothing.

Please do not, not, not pass this law and allow any person to capture orphan works, which would simply be a legal way to squeeze out the artist and make it easy for those who had no hand in creating the art to make money.

Sincerely,

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