Hello!

I write this as a concerned artist, who wishes very much that the failed Orphan Works act stays a failed act, where it belongs. The freelance artist gives the world so much, without art we would have no children's books, no films, no advertisements or photography- thanks to the dedication of many hundreds and thousands of talented photographers and artists, we have a wealth of beautiful imagery today.

Now those good hearted people, who often fail to get paid a livable wage for their work, are facing something that makes it even harder for them to keep their heads above water. In a day and age where the giants are happy to take what they want from the small timers, what moral nation would make it easier for them to do so? What moral soundness is there to making it easy for the strong to prey on the small, to potentially ruin thousands of people, have their work taken from them with no recourse but to throw money at a corporation so the government deems them worthy of protection?

If we are to have a free, uncensored exchange of ideas, we need to stop kowtowing to the obscenely wealthy so they can more easily take advantage of the populace. And that is a need. I can say as an artist- things are already difficult enough without some faceless grey suit feeling entitled to my or anyone else's work for free. If they can afford to try and push legislation, they can surely afford to tip their artist.

I know in my heart you know what the right thing is. I believe you have the integrity to do it.

Thank you for your time and attention.
-Danielle