Francesca Rowan
596 Oak Park Road,
Madison, VA 22727
fran_rowan@yahoo.com

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Francesca Rowan. I am a comic artist and illustrator. I have been classically trained at the best private and public art schools and have been harnessing my craft for over a decade. My rights to, and my ability to make money from my work, are in jeopardy if these proposed changes to the current copyright laws are enacted.

The years I have spent, and will spend, improving and learning will be for naught if this bill goes through. My hard work on my art will be rendered useless by people who do not understand how the business actually works but instead want to provide free art to their clients, while they are paid for it and the artists are not. We as artists spend years learning and polishing our skills so that we have something unique to offer to people who would pay for our services; services that we spend thousands of dollars going to art school to learn (and spend decades paying off.) I ask you to consider if lobbyists were asking other professions to give up being paid for their abilities, such as doctors, lawyers, clerks, chefs, etc. It makes no sense to ask any other professionals to do their jobs for free so other people can be paid in their place.

I beseech you please, do not let my livelihood be destroyed for the sake of large corporations who want art but not to pay for it. They do not understand that our art is our lively hood, how we pay our bills and feed our families. They should go through artists to buy it, not companies who would steal it from us and profit from the theft (theft which would be legally allowed through this bill.)

Art makes the world a better place, it connects us all through feeling and experience. This bill would kill art and those who make it. Please do not kill off America's artists for the sake of those who would rather steal our livelihoods from us. Please consider my words and the letters of my contemporaries who are much more articulate than me. I may be a small artist in a big world, but I plan on making my mark in it with my art. Nothing means more to be than my art and I wish to protect my rights as artist.

Thank you for your time and reading my letter.
Sincerely,

Francesca Lee Rowan

Franrowanart.com
Fran_Rowan@yahoo.com