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U.S. Copyright
Orphan Works

Greetings U.S copyright office. I am and always have been an artist. I have been, and hope that in the future, I will be able to be making money off of my digital art. When people make art; be it digital, painted, drawn ect, they put not only a lot of time, but a lot of themselves into it.

Up until now, my entire life has been mostly me making art, practicing my craft, taking classes and studying to hone my skills. It would be nice if I could make money off of my craft as others do with their different but equal skills, and not have wasted these past 10 years of my life.

The only way I can conduct business doing the one thing that matters to me, and millions of others, is through copyright. I literally will be creating art, with a copyright and selling that copyright. If someone were to be able to take my art with, not only little effort, but no consequences, then all my dreams and aspirations have been for not.

I know that the people I am sending this letter to are human beings, not emotionless machines. If I am correct then listen to mine, and millions of other people's pleas. I know I am not the only one sending a letter to you about this. If America is free, stop taking our freedom to create! That is essentially taking away my ability to survive.

The harm of this act will be tremendous and regrettable. Avoid the humiliation of yourselves and prevent the misuse of our art. The government capitalizes on enough already.

With all due respect,

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