July 18th, 2015

To: Maria Pallante, Register of Copyrights

Subject: Copyright Protection of Certain Visual Works

My name is Dyese Harvey. I don't know how much I can contribute to the discussion of this issue, given that I only create art for my own personal enjoyment at present and have yet to be paid to create, but I fear should I wish to create for money in the future I need to write in to prevent this legislature from passing. From what I have been made to understand, this legislature would prevent me from being able to make a living.

From what I can understand, as the law stands right now, it's my work and my effort. I deserve to be paid for the art I produce should I choose to sell it for money. And allowing organizations and companies to declare that art people produce is public property and they can just use and abuse it however they like is not only ludicrous but also insulting. How could something be so common and worthless that making it public property would be acceptable but also so important to these companies that they and they alone get the rights to it, excluding it's creator entirely? Art would never again be a way to make a living and become again merely a hobby, this doesn't just connect to visual art forms, it'd include music, and literature aswell.

So I implore you, don't pass this law. Don't allow them to take our rights from us. If you enjoy movies, music, or even the cartoon strips encluded in your newspaper don't let this pass.