To anyone that has anything to do with acting on the return to Orphan Works Act:

The new proposal includes items that would make it even more difficult for artists to make a living from their artwork. Currently an artist can lump many pieces of artwork, up to 100 mg, and submit them for copyright protection for $55. The new law will make an artist submit one piece of artwork for one fee. That will mean that most artists, especially small artist's that are getting started, will no longer be able to protect their art, it is simply cost prohibitive. Also if an artist wants to license their work, a licensor will not accept work that is not copyrighted. So if this law is passed where each piece of artwork requires an individual fee, you are creating a situation where it will be even more difficult and in many cases, impossible for an artist to protect their work once it is offered for sale. Do not pass any kind of legislation that makes it more difficult and more expensive for artists to copyright and protect their work.

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