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U.S. Copyright

Orphan Works

Dear U.S. Copyright Office,

I will keep this short, my name is Dannielle Huey. I am a mother, a wife and an artist.

Art is something that I plan to make a living on eventually and I do have people who are interested in my work, which would include copyright on my pieces. By taking away the copyright of any and all artists, you are voiding our Constitutional right to control our own work, you are taking money that could be made to take care of my daughter, out of my pocket for no good reason. You are threatening the lives of all great artists and making us suffer more then we need to on the little earnings we make.

This “Orphan Works” is an injustice to all hard working artists. Let me ask you if you created something and then had your named and rights stripped from it, like it was nothing. It wouldn’t feel nice would it? I won’t allow myself to be stripped of my own rights. I will not allow other artists to be stripped of their rights due to this “Orphan Works”. More and more the big guys line their pockets while the rest of the world struggles. This is another way to let the big man line their pockets and take advantage of the public.

Let me ask, are you really okay with this? Because I’m not. Take others into consideration and don’t let this Orphan Works happen.

- Dannielle Huey