Dear Lawmakers/Congress/To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. My name is Derek Henderson. I'm a struggling fantasy artist. I have a day job as a laborer in a warehouse (to pay the bills, gas, groceries, ect.) and I work on my art at night in my spare time (to have emergency money or for anything else that comes up). I've never been able to land a full-time job as an artist... but every bit of money I make from my art helps me barely get by from week to week.

I'm writing to you today to let you know how extremely oblivious and non-caring lawmakers, individuals, businesses and corporations are becoming with all of us artists out there... just so they can easily get their greedy little hands on our precious artwork(s) with a new Copywrite Act. One that will basically give away our rights to each and every work if we don't have the money to spend in filing/claiming them ourselves.

This is incredibly disturbing that yet another version of the OrphansWorks Bill is being pushed forward. One that you didn't get by us last time.

Everyone seems to forget the fact that we are the ones creating this art from scratch. Not all of you folks.

Artwork is created through every artist's blood, sweat and tears. We literally spend loads of time, energy, money and art supplies on everything we create. We also spend years and years honing our skills and mastering our various tools to make said works... just like any other industry out there. Except ours requires much more than that. Our craft relies on the personal growth of our individual emotions, the gathering of our personal observations and perspectives on life... including the ample amounts of imagination we must pour into our works. To have lawmakers decide that we must practically hand it all away to the world so they can make monetary gain from it themselves... is purely sickening and ridiculous!!! That will greatly harm all of us artists both financially and emotionally.
It will damage the landscape of creativity permanently. We will simply be forced to stop creating art so the world will have no new works to steal right out from our minds and pocketbooks.
Art doesn't just create itself. It takes special folks like us to come up with the fresh material.
So, if you move forward with giving our creative rights away... you'll be biting the creative hands that feeds the world with visual bliss.

I ask that you do not march on with the new Copyright Act and become the historically pathetic folks that ends up giving our creative spices of life away. Don't kill the creators out there who are already struggling to make a living. We've already been through so much growing up and learning for our art. Don't take it all away... or this will quickly become the most bland and lame looking world that you will ever see from this new Copyright Act.

Thank you for your time.

With much respect,

Derek Henderson
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