To the Copyright Office of United States of America,

Hello, my name is Evgenya Raskin. Though I am not an American citizen, but I have many American friends, many of them artists and designers.

I myself aspire to become one and work internationally including with potential clients in the USA.

But the new Copyright law puts mine and many other peoples, and Americans dream in Danger of diminishing. And so it does to my fellow colleagues, who actually live by doing art. And by that, I mean, their work, and their pay check for the work they do. They are professional artists, who dedicated many years of their lives to acquire their skills, that worked and work tirelessly on their craft for many hours for many clients. And every single one of us (American or not) consume their art daily in a form of: Book illustrations and covers, Video games, Movies, Products, Clothes, Album covers, Sculptures, Photography, Art books, Comics, and many more.

What your law will do is strip them of their rights for their craft, diminish their right and possibility to earn their money by their hard work, and in the long run it will destroy art, not only as a profession but as a concept every single one of us uses multiple times on daily basis. People would not want to do art anymore, since they would be stripped of their right for their own hard work and creation.

Could you imagine a world without art? A world where everything evolves but art? Where art is left in Stagnation?!

I can't. The day this happens, for me and my pears it will be the day of death of human culture.

People must be paid for their honest work, and retain the rights for their creations, like in a patent office for inventions and scientific discovery. Art is no different than the new development of and IPhone, or microprocessor, or a new scientific discovery. Every single piece includes not only numerous hours of labor, but all the experience and study that was conducted prior to its creation. It is only just that the artist will be paid as any other person, that does any other work.

It is only just that anyone that steals from anyone will be brought to justice and held responsible for their wrongdiongs. May it be a car, a credit card, a patent, or a painting, there is no difference what so ever. Person that claims that something is his or hers, something he or she never had nor did must be illegal for any cases.

Therefore, I ask you to see reason. And not let this injustice pass as a law. Stealing is stealing. You can make a fake brand, you can color it in a different color, sign it with your name – it is still stealing.

More than that, if you pass this law you will hurt not only artists all over USA, but you also will hurt USA economics. Now that everyone can steal and do whatever they want with anything, no other artists from any other countries would like to engage in any business with USA. You will hurt the whole movie and game industry that get consumed world wide, because only people who would not be familiar with

the lack of their rights will agree to work for free. Yes for free. Because there will be no longer a coherent and reasonable copyright law to protect their craft and grant their basic right to get paid for the work they do. Your industry will decline, and other countries, where the laws will remain just will attract all the best artists instead.

The consequences of that law exceed beyond the borders of USA and hurt not only the artists themselves, not only the economical system of the USA, but also international collaboration, world wide development of culture and entertainment, and eventually this will touch every single person that lives in a civilized world and consumes the products that are related to general culture; may it be a book, a movie or a game, a painting, sculpture and etc.

Hence, I ask you to stop this horror from happening for your own well being. To restore justice to the world of culture. Let it prosper, let people work together and collaborate, let your economy thrive and keep being one of the leading countries in many aspects of culture. Let your and any other artists be paid accordingly to the work they do. They are no different than any other person that does any other type of work.

Let them have honest pay for honest work.

And don't let others to get paid on their behalf, based on cheating and dishonesty.

Save the culture of the world. Stop this law of orphaned works.

Thank you.

From your ally and friend, with great honor;

Evgenya Raskin, Israel.