If there's any way to avoid paying artists to use their work, save time and create quantities upon quantities of new products, it is to either trick them into a bad contract, or to change the copyright law.

People often ask why should we bother to pay artists for their work, they can just Google the images they need. But it's not that simple.

These images are low resolution, they will not print very well. Only the creator has the high resolution file. And unfortunately, people share the bad habit of reposing pictures on the internet without giving proper credit or even asking. The internet is full of images from unknown authors. It's out of control. So this gives the bad impression that anyone could simply use these images and avoid the trouble.

But how are creators supposed to know their images are being reposted without their permission? Creators like myself allow the sharing of our work to increase exposure, but for this to take effect we require credit. A simple name and link to my website suffices. That is not the same as using the work for projects, products or endorsement. How am I supposed to know someone is doing this behind my back? Here's how, by spending hundreds of dollars on programs along with an expensive yearly subscription service that may not be 100% efficient to scan the net, detecting any infringement.

The solution is to continue to punish us creators by making it a requirement to register our work. I can register my work under copyright, but is that going to stop someone from using my image illegally? No, it isn't! People will continue to see images on the internet as free domain, free use. People will continue to repost images without asking, people will continue to do the wrong thing. It only hurts us creators more.

As they say, if you post it on the net, expect it to be stolen. This is a culture of ennoblement we've created. And by further enabling this behavior, this new law is being proposed. And to think that private copyright registers won't abuse this new law is laughable. They can hike up their prices at will.

My solution to avoid being a victim to this new law? Taking my work down, and I'm sure many artists will do the same because they do not have the funds to protect their own work. What is the point anymore?

Do we want the internet to become devoid of creative work, do we want to truly scare away new artists from sharing their new ideas to the world? The internet has been great for artists like me to learn and grow by sharing our work and getting feedback. Don't make the internet a scary place to share anything. It's supposed to be our connection to the world, not doom.