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CARTOONS AND HUMOROUS ILLUSTRATION

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U.S. Copyright Office

re: Orphan Works Copyright Act

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly express my opposition to the proposed Next Great Copyright Act. I make my living as a cartoonist and illustrator and have managed to make make a very good living under the current copyright system since 1989. I have also been an arts educator for the past 19 years and have been teaching the importance of artists' ability to maintain their right to license their work. It is vital that we maintain this right in order to make our livings.

I believe one of the main reasons this is a great country is the foundation of the rights of individuals to be able to retain and exploit the rights to their intellectual property. If you proceed with this change in law, artists like myself will be severely handicapped in our ability to do business. There is the potential for individuals and corporations to steal my work without my knowledge, and do so with the Copyright Office's full approval. How is that fair?

I implore you to NOT pass the Next Great Copyright Act.

Sincerely,

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