Hi,

I am currently a freelancing illustrator, I got my bf back in 2011 and since them I have been living at home with my parents, barely making over $10,000. My first year I made nothing, but because of my passion and potential I've been slowly building my name and reputation and in a few years I should be making a livable wage.

I don't get stable income, every week I am out there looking for a job, looking for a new client, writing emails asking if anyone has work to be done. Sometimes my work is stolen by someone else, put on merchandise and sold. It's one of my greatest fears, and there's a lot of work and anxiety that goes along with trying to get the item taken down. I don't have the means to legally challenge a thief in court, and every time this happens it feels like a part of my person has been violated.

Now with Orphan Works, it only gives someone legal grounds to stand on. Anyone can take my work and make a profit off of it, while I see nothing. I would no longer have a livelihood, my degree would mean nothing and I'd lose my career. I can't step back into school and spend another $100,000 on tuition when I barely have $2000 in savings. So I'm begging you, don't allow this law to pass.

-Angela Rizza