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To whom it may concern,

Passing the upcoming "New US Copyright Act” would prove devastating, not just for artists, but writers and game developers too. What you are attempting would cripple the lively-hood of existing talents, and make it nigh impossible for anyone to try and enter these fields.

While, yes, it can be difficult for those starting out, there are existing ways for them to make a name for themselves, and more becoming available each day.

And yes, it there will always be people who infringe upon the ideas of others. Scum that take the works of another, removes any signatures or identify marks to try and claim it as their own. But many sites that allow one to post work have a method for dealing with this.

The biggest hurdle for many if the sheer cost of registering a single piece of work. You then also run into the issue of those who do small, private work commissions. Some only turn out a few a month, others can produce dozens. What then of those pieces?

I am afraid I cannot speak upon the use or challenges of legal use, I am a hobby artist at the moment. While I would like to make money off of my ideas at some point is the future, for now, sharing it with folks online and receiving feedback helps me refine what I do.

However, passing this new version of the copyright act would make this difficult. The poor wording of the existing draft make it all too easy for those of us who just enjoy doing this for the sake of learning to loose our work.

I implore you. Do not let this pass. To do so would destroy so many.

-Ariel Wilson.