To whom it may concern,

My name is Alan Glasgow and I am a graphic designer that focuses on both print and digital media. I come from humble means and my sense of self-worth has come in the form of artwork. I consider myself a creative person and it is how I make my living.

I work for a corporation and in my spare time, I aspire to achieve my life's dream of creating artwork for comic books. With the passing of this law, I could pursue my dream and maybe even attain it, but my ability to earn a living wage from art will be greatly diminished. I hope that I can do this work in my spare time to pay off my student loans.

If this law passes, I will lose my foothold in the negotiation of price on any work created. It is hard enough to achieve proper payment for this work, and it is work, that taking away the creative copyright of the piece will make me work twice as hard to make half as much. With the passing of this law, the power of negotiation will be in the hands of the corporate powers that seek to profit from it, and not the hard working hands of those that create it.

Over a decade ago musicians fought against a company that facilitated the piracy of copyrighted material. This is no different. Instead of music, we are talking about art. Furthermore, if this law were to pass, musicians will feel the effect of it too, and they are having a hard enough time with their struggles.

I do not understand the need to legislate against creatives. Creatives gave the world music, fantastic symphonies, wondrous works of art, breathtaking movies, ground-breaking novels, and so much more. If we creatives are not able to be compensated by our work with the help of the current copyright laws, where's our motivation to create more?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alan Glasgow