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Dear Ms Pallante,

I am writing to you concerning new copyright laws.

As a visual artist, and writer of marionette theater plays, I have used the US copyright office for all of my work as well as my husband 's who is a sculptor, for over 30 years.

I am very worried that small companies like ours, as well as visual artists who are barely surviving the multiple crisis imposed on us by outside forces, will be smashed, exploited and basically disappearing from the cultural landscape.

I hope that my voice as well as that of many artists/ authors will be heard, and accounted for. I hope that before any decision is made, the interests of the creative minds that are enlightening the lives of all world citizens will be protected, in all fairness, as it should be in a democratic society, that decisions will be made for the best interests of the most vulnerable assets of society.

If you need an image to remind you what a vulnerable artist is capable of creating, think of Van Gogh's beautiful landscapes, and then look at his bedroom painting, the famous one, with a simple bed, a chair, a window, and remember that many of us are living in harsh conditions.

I thank you for your time. May the grace of heart lead your intelligence.

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