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Dear **United States Copyright Office** members:
I'd like to be heard as an artist and creator of original artwork. The new proposed copyright law changes proposed are ridiculous and threaten the existence and all protections of creator's original work. I don't know how these rules can be considered in good conscience, or be ethical in any format. The regulations propose that we lose our rights and that anyone and everyone has free reign to use our work without any compensation, credit or permission. This is our livelihood and how we pay our bills (including taxes). This law will not only put a lot of people out of business, but will also mess with a system of regulations that are already working. With the internet, it is already hard to police where our work ends up and gets used for, but at least we have the law on our side if we choose to pursue it. I've had people use my work for things that go against my business. Because of current laws, I am able to do something legally to correct the situation. Please do not pass the new "Orphan Bill" in any way, shape or form—in fairness and with respect to the living wages of the creators of any kind of professional or personal work.
Thank you for doing the right thing—which is really protecting our Nation's creative talent pool and their right to own their own work/designs/creativity.
Sincerely,

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