To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Freelance Artist just starting out after graduating from college. If your proposed 'reformed copyright' were to pass, the new copyright would allow others to take my work as they please. I barely make 6k a year and Freelance Art is one of my main sources of income. It's outrageous to think that I may have to purchase copyrights for MY work as I should already have the right to own it. Many artists like me are using their skills to make a living and we rely on our current copyright to ensure we can continue to receive income without theft of work. We already have to deal with these basic thieves (tshirts, book covers, prints, and so on made without our permission) because they are making a profit on something that isn't theirs; but now, based on your law, they will legally be able to steal what may be our only income method. I can't afford to pay for every single copyright for a work that I should already legally own and I certainly am aghast that our government would think for one second that this would be helpful for any community. Think about our Poets, our Artists, our students and freelancers? Think of the people who spend time creating something who will come to understand that they don't own what they made unless they buy it. It would halt creativity, destroy businesses, and make the creative community suffer. Copyright should protect me as an artist, not push more money into your pockets.

- Abby