Dear Copyright Office,
My name is Cole Norton, and I am a visual artist, and have been for over 10 years. I am writing in regards to "The Next Great Copyright Act." I work as a designer and illustrator, and fine artist. As a creator of visual images this act would void my constitutional right to have exclusive control over the works I have created. Copyright law is not an abstract legal issue for myself, or any artist making a living from their work, it is the basis on which our business rests.

We make our living through licensing our images, and any infringement on our work is equal to stealing our money. It is important to our business that we remain able to determine voluntarily how and by whom our work is used. Further, once an image is published it loses no value for us, it becomes part of our business inventory. As part of our inventory the commercial value of the work remains.

"The Next Great Copyright Act" would severely threaten my ability to make a living as a visual artist.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

Best regards,

Cole