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Dear Miss Catherine,

I am writing to you on concerns about this Copyrights reform. I have to quite honestly ask you are you an advocate for free labor? As this is exactly what you are suggesting artist of any kind are to do. I'd like to know would you work for free for a year? No. A month? Still no. What about just a week? This idea as you can see is laughable and quite frankly deplorable. To think anyone would work for free is just plain silly. Well that's exactly what you're suggesting by allowing this copyrights reform. You'll allow big business the ability to TAKE anything any artist has made, and can't afford to copyright, and essentially be allowed to earn millions of dollars without giving the original creator a single penny of what their creation gave in revenue to the business at question.

To further highlight this, lets take this as an example. You spent months making your daughter a Doll house you know they'll love and cherish and hand off to their daughter, your grand-daughter. This doll house is one of a kind, it has working lights, working door bells, the whole nine yards, it's a masterpiece! Now. Your daughter leaves it out in the front yard and someone passes along and see's it thinking it's the most magnificent thing ever, they reproduce it, sell it, and make million of dollars off this. I'd imagine you would be pretty mad (which is I hope and understatement). You would attempt to sue this person, but wait... this item was just sitting out in the world for everyone to see! Why shouldn't I be allow to take it and not give the original creator any credit or any compensation what so ever? Why indeed. See the problem there?

Artist of any kind have spent more than half their life time perfecting their skills, honing their crafts, and more. To ask a artist to simply give their work away for free just because you saw it and you like it is not a good way to represent America. You're allowing theft to be acceptable, you're allowing free labor to be acceptable, and you're allowing corporate businesses to profit off the hard work of other people's lively hoods.

To also answer the question of "well we just have a hard time finding artist/designers/creative's" brought to you by these same businesses. Well I find that be quite frankly, a large amount of bullshit.

I am a graphic designer, I have a bachelor's degree in graphic design. If this was indeed a true statement I should have every Tom, Dick, and Harry pounding at my door asking for work. I wish this were the case, but it is not, In actuality the creative market is extremely competitive, and saturated. The only way they are unable to find any artist is they are likely looking for free work, or professionals who will work for only $8/hr. If they feel they should not have to pay artist for the rights to use their work, that is in all honestly their problem, not ours. So do not force us to give up our copyrights which are keeping business from obtaining free labor, and shamefully not wanting to pay for work. After all, that very idea is against the law now is it not?