These copyright laws must not be passed. These would destroy an artist's security and possibly their whole career. Companies would be able to take their work without credit to the artist or pay. If all those graphic tee companies and print companies and such did that, an artist's only possible way of making money anymore would be commissions, which take forever and a half to receive and many people back out anyway. Artists would have to spend on advertising and have to scratch and claw their way so that their original version would be seen by the public before a big company's bastardization or even stolen work so that they could pay their rent and bills. Some peoples' entire income is from their art. With these in place, other people would be able to profit off of artists' work while they sit gathering dust, unable to pay for anything.

There must be credit and pay for artists whose works are being used by another company. These new laws would also infringe on constitutional rights. This entire thing is completely unconstituional. I am a student who struggles to find any source of income due to my age(16) and the many, many requirements set in place by my school for me to get a job. I am only allowed to work 15 hours a week, and my school does not provide my GPA to put on an application or resume. Thus, my entire pay comes from my art- Which, with these laws in place, will further lower my total income. I don't receive any commissions for months on end, but require credit and pay when my work is used in any other media, including advertisement, games, clothing prints, etc., which generally adds up to a whopping $75 a year. What little money I make is going into my college fund, but standing up to a possible $450,000 for the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' toxicology courses, the dinky $300 I'll have by the end of my high school education would be nothing. With these laws in place, I can count on that $300 becoming $150.

On top of that, in the face of making a miniscule amount of money to pay for college because jobs are scarce and hard for students to get, other companies may be able to sue me, the original artist, for using that piece. I already make next to nothing. Do you really want big companies like Hot Topic to be able to take away hundreds of thousands of dollars that I don't have? It's unfair to artists like me, my brother, our colleagues, and friends. It's hard to be an artist. Don't make it harder. Give me copyright or give me the money I should be making out of your own pocket. Do not trust big companies not to steal art. Do not trust them. We work tirelessly on pieces that some people don't pay for anyway. We stay up til 3 AM making art for less than minimum wage. We make your clothes, your tv shows, the interior of your house, the posters and paintings on your wall. We make everything you appreciate as "beautiful." Do not bite the hand that feeds you, especially if it is already empty. It will do more than break our hearts. You'll drive art into the underground.