To whom it may concern.

I am a professional musician and hold multiple works that are registered with BMI a performing rights organization that collects money from venue owners for a blanket license to use copyrighted audio works. I receive royalty payments for live performance of my own music when playing in venues that follow the law. I am writing you today to express my regret that the copyright laws are being overhauled by special interests and I believe this is a very bad idea.

Artists need protection and compensation because if the work an artist creates is viewed as more valuable to the public good than it is to the artists ability to make a living themselves, then all artists will eventually and quickly disappear. Please vote on behalf of the artists who make a living from their intellectual property rights. Owners of land are not subject to unlawful seizure as should owners of intellectual property be protected from unlawful seizure of there respective creations.

Many who profit from art and music are not willing to pay for the rights to use said material. Artists are placed in a complicated position if their property is taken and used without proper compensation. In fact we all fail when artists suffer because our culture will then lose out on a valuable tool that helps to bring communities together and heal cultural divides. Now more than ever we need that positive influence in America that will heal the many wounds that have been inflicted upon the masses.

I would like to see copyright laws progressively adapted to protect artists and not special interests that profit from using art without compensation. Please consider my ideas and help us protect our nations most valuable creatives who help bring a vision of a better world to come. We become a better union, through the art and ideas that artists share and sell to make a living. Stopping this new anti-artist bill will allow our creative machines to keep producing art for the good of humanity instead of special interests. We fight wars against civil injustice and tyranny with paid soldiers who sacrifice there life and well being for the good of others and we need to fight intellectual darkness and ignorance with paid artists who sacrifice there time and money to make this world a better place well into the future.

Thanks for your consideration.

Brian Rill.