Greetings Copyright Office,

Today I am writing this letter to share my opinions, as well as many other individual's, on the “Next Great Copyright Act” of Orphan Works. As a proud art hobbyist for four years, I feel that this act does not take artist's best interests and rights into account. It is unfair that it takes away an artist’s right to control use of their own work, made through his/ her own hard efforts. To take the privilege from a dedicated artist to decide the fate of their art is like taking away their soul, and lifetime’s works. Being an artist myself, I can assure that no artist would approve of this act. The “Next Great Copyright Act” just seems like a method to steal artists’ work, if I am to speak honestly. All artists, whether they produce digital or traditional images, photographs, literature, music or all of the above literally pour their blood, sweat and tears into their products. These products are our pride and sometimes even the very reason for our existence. To have our artworks available to the public for use without our consent is taking away our pride. Art that we have worked on countless days, weeks, months and sometimes years could be easily stolen and claimed to been made by someone else. Already on the internet and in real life, I have witnessed many artists’ work be stolen and unfairly claimed as someone else’s so that person can reap benefits he/she doesn’t deserve. The “Next Great Copyright Act” would only further those unjust crimes, even assuring that the artist cannot do anything about it. Though I am a hobbyist, I would most definitely not appreciate someone taking the art I worked hard on for their own benefits. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will stop, if not reconsider, the “Next Great Copyright Act” of Orphan Works.