To Whom it may concern,

I, and many, many others, am completely against this bill from passing. I think that we can all agree that this bill will hurt WAY more than it could ever help. This bill will plummet the economy even more than it already has. If companies, and other infringers, are able to take "orphan" works of art of any sort without permission and sell it for their benefit, an increasingly large number of people will not be able to pay their bills, let alone pay for anything else. I say again, the economy will suffer like it rarely has before. If you cannot think of the millions of individuals that will suffer because of this deplorable bill, think of all the money the large companies that will be "benefiting" from this bill will be losing out on eventually when no one has enough money to buy their things. Get rid of this terrible bill and never bring it up again.

Large companies are already making millions off of largely underpaid artists, let alone if they didn't pay them at all. This copyright bill will encourage art theft, because that is what this is, ART THEFT, like we have never seen before. Taking someone else's work and using it as your own without consent, without payment, is theft. It is stealing. There is no other way to define it. You cannot worm your way around it. I say again, GET RID OF THIS BILL. It will not help anyone. It will only hurt, not just the little guys who will be stolen from, but everyone. It will hurt everyone. Including the large companies who WILL be stealing even more than they already are. GET RID OF THIS BILL. You cannot pass a bill that the people do not agree with. The government's job is to do what the people want them to do. Not the other way around.

Signed,

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