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RE: Orphan Works Proposal
To whom it may concern:

I'm a freelance artist; I make my living selling my copyrights to manufacturers, who use my designs on their products. It's a very difficult way to make a living, but I do, and manage to come up with a salary of $50K/year selling rights to the things I make up out of my head.

I've been in business for 25 years, have won 4 greeting card awards and have also taught at the School of Visual Arts in New York.

Each year it is getting harder and harder to convince people that visual works are valuable. The new generation sees "content" such as music and art as "free and public", since that is the way the internet works. Every day people are bombarded with images, video and sound from unnamed sources – and there is very little consideration given to the people who gave their talent and time to create this content.

Please retain the copyright standard as it is today. I rely on the protection of a copyright being inherent upon creation. And PLEASE help us maintain the idea that CONTENT IS VALUABLE. There are already too many thieves stealing work off the internet, please do not make it easier for them to use and dismiss the original creator of the work.

THANK YOU for reading,
Amy Biggers
New Jersey Artist