To whom it may concern,

I am writing to protest this Copyright amendment concerning visual works.

I am not making that much money right now on my art, but am gearing up to making selling my art a significant source of my income when I retire.

My first question is: What is wrong with the art copyright system we have now? I don't hear complaints about it from artists. The only people who will receive new profits from this proposed system are giant corporations and those we would now consider to be art thieves. There's no reason to give these a legal way to screw artists.

I should own the copyright to my own work, automatically. I should have the ability to sign away limited rights or even unlimited rights. No one else should have that right. This is my work, my imagination, my sweat and skill.

Having to re-copyright my existing work would be too expensive for me. Having to hire a lawyer to defend my copyright would be too expensive. Having to go through a new copyrighting system that would not be automatic as it is now, would be too expensive.

Artists will be disastrously hurt by these new regulations. Only corporations and art thieves will profit.

That's not how we work in America. Or it shouldn't be.

Sincerely,
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