This act, this orphan works copyright act, is a direct attack on artists and their families. This only hurts the creative fields and restricts the desire for artists to create. If we aren't going to be able to earn from our work then what is the motivation behind creating it. Art is how we make our living. Art is how we support ourselves and our families. I don't feel that it is a fair treatment of artists to put a timeline on when it is ok to steal from artists or when someone else decides that it has been long enough for them to make money on it. A passing of this law is equal to stealing from artists and their families. This is not ok. This is not American. This is not capitalism. This is socialism. If it becomes ok for someone else to take my work and the work of others and use it for their own gain then is it ok for me to steal a movie and pass it as my own? Make money on it? Is it ok for me to take my neighbors car? They have used it enough, now it's my turn.

Think about this, how do Americans make their money? Production, Selling goods and services, etc. basically they are paid for their work. Now according to this act after a short time of 15 years if registered, or no time at all if unregistered it would be legal for someone to take my goods, what I produce and sell it as their own. How would Henry Ford feel if after a short 15 years, or zero if unregistered, someone could take his cars, not the design and not the idea the actual cars, and sell them as their own work, taking money from Mr. Ford. Not fair is it. Not legal either. Then why should it be ok for someone to take my property.

Taking someone else's property for my own use and gain isn't legal, yet this law would make it legal for someone else to take my property, my creations, and use them as if I didn't have any ownership. This is not a law for the betterment of others, it protects no one. This law if passed would take away my constitutional rights and basically say that I and all artists are not equal to others, it would make our work and our efforts unprotected and would make us lesser citizens. Is this what we want with our country? NO! Vote against this law! Ban it outright! This is America—Let us not give our rights away, let us fight for them, let us keep our property, let us continue to be free!