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To whom it may concern,

I am an art student and trying to establish myself as an artist on the internet so while I cannot explicitly answer the questions you've given, I can however give you opinion on this ridiculous law.

I don't think that the Copyright Office understands how critical copyright is necessary to artists. For me, I first want to establish myself as an artist but how am I going to do that when corporations are allowed to steal my works and use them without credit or permission? How am I supposed to get a following if my work is used by a corporation who doesn't say I made it? I can't. And if I don't have people who know about me or know what I'm capable of then I cannot get people to commission me.

Artists need to make a living too. Time and effort have been put into these works and they deserve the payment and credit they deserve. Artists need to pay bills. Artists need to pay for electricity, internet, water, and food. They cannot do this if their work can be just be taken for free.

If this law passes you will kill the online artistic community and several people's source of income. If you want to help artists, make it illegal to remove watermarks. Put measures in to PROTECT the rights artists have.

Sincerely

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