I am yet a professional artist. I am working hard in college, learning everything I need to do to make art my income in the near future, however if this these new laws are passed, that income is threatened to disappear.

I have the right to have my work protected automatically. If this new copyright law does pass, how can I show future clients what I can do, if everything I put on the internet with be free to the public? And how do clients find the artists that are actually good and hardworking instead of the people ripping off them, just because they can take their work and get away with it?

How can I get myself out there? Truth, I won't be able to. Everything is done over the internet now. If I want a job, the company I apply for will want to look at my online portfolio. How can they know sure it's my work? Or how do I know that company wouldn't take my ideas and then get rid of me? It is against everything that artists, every type from music to dance to art itself, work hard for and now big companies can come in and take my work. It's not right. It's injustice and flat out stealing.

Our copyrights are to protect our work and to say that art loses value once it hits publication is a lie. It doesn't lose value. It's what big companies and corporation lawyers have said this; that they can take that value, which is rightful the artists, and use it. They just want a bigger pay day, while we, the artists, struggle even more. In truth, art is my life and my way of living. It is not something that loses value, because it is a part of my business inventory and I have a right to protect what I create. How would you feel if you had a child and someone came up to you and said, "Well since you put your child in public, anyone can have them. It's something you created if you wanted to protect them, you shouldn't have showed anyone." That's what this new copyright law would do to artists.