In Regards to the New Orphan acts law...

I have graduated with a BFA with an emphasis in drawing from a four-year university, and am now a successful free-lance artists/ Sign Painter. I intend to continue creating artwork for my profession as long as I am able. If this bill is passed however, it will not only harm my own ability to create freely, but will stifle and stagnate any of all creative minds, including my own.

For all intentions, this bill would deter anyone with a creative mind from creating new work, knowing that anyone else who finds said work can essentially take it and call it their own.

As a simple example- What if someone baked a batch of cookies- cookies you took years perfecting and refining the recipe for- but they were immediately taken away by a total stranger, and sold to a hungry crowd. On top of all this, this stranger fully claims that they made the cookies, and it was their recipe all along.

Its a simplified analogy, but it gives you a small look into how it feels to have something you created taken away from you.

As artists, we work hard to think of new ideas, create new things and bring them into the world. All we want is to be able to make a living creating, like many other professions outside of the Fine Arts world. Isn't the American Dream founded upon the ideals of hard? Then why would you allow our hard work -as artists- to be taken from us from someone who put no hard work into it at all?

Please, reconsider this law.