While I believe there is a clear and present problem with current copyright law I don't believe that Orphaning Works is a viable solution. I realize you are busy so I shall be succinct.

I have participated in quite a few online communities where art theft has been an issue. However, it has never been to a degree such as the Orphaning of Works would encourage. I truly believe that given my experience within various communities promoting amateur works that foster creativity and skill with the ability to critique and tutor with the resource that is a large social network.

The devaluing the effort of the casual artists to such a degree would be disastrous, people are already afraid to share their work because of theft on the same level as them to force them to register every single doodle or have their efforts taken by Corporations with lawyers from Ivy League colleges? Give me a ticket to a rollercoaster that has killed people before it is less anxiety inducing.

It is very hard to take the steps from competent but mediocre amateur to talented artist and the organically made online communities have implemented ways to encourage amateurs not necessarily perfect but with greater productivity than previous solutions. This solution destroys some of the most useful incentives of those communities and the grassroots connectivity will fade without a viable and active population.

You do realize how much people with certain personality types, disabilities, mental disorders, and/or people who've only gotten a couple jobs loathe paperwork?

How about artists who legally can't represent themselves because they are minors? I've seen minors in seriously abusive situations get the funds to get out of those situations by selling their art. It is a serious concern for me if they'd have to go through a legal process they might have to spend longer in that dangerous situation if the process costs money or time they don't have. But the worst-case-scenario would be something terrible happening to the person leaving an abusive situation because the act of registering made the abuser find out they were trying to leave.

You aren't even incentivizing people to hide their lights under a bushel basket; instead you are making them look at the spark of maybe I could be good enough and be like: never mind it's too much work and I'd get nothing out of it anyway.