Dear Sen. Durbin, Sen. Kirk, or to who this letter may concern,

It has recently come to my attention via social media of various forms that Congress has been hard at work at a reform to copyright law in a big way. A video detailing all I've heard can be found at this URL; https://youtu.be/kDoztLDF73I .

To briefly summarize the statements made therein, Claims that the early drafts of this new US Copyright Act are something similar to the Orphan Works bills that were shot down in 2008. As it stands, the law currently protects the copyright artists who create works from the moment they create that work. After the Copyright office breaks down into smaller private offices and this particular piece of legislation comes to pass, The artist would be required to register with these private registries every work they have and will ever do to be protected by law.

Am I to understand that as an indipendant creator that for every sketch I want to share with the world, I would then have to register it for a fee to make sure that a corperation does not use that work for it's own profit? As an artist, this stifles any sort of profitabity or drive to create in a work environment that often times already tends to pay less than minimum wage in my case. I know that myself and many others who wish to foster the foundation of creativity would be more than happy to support the future endeavors of senators who want to protect our right of ownership to our work. Please, help reform Copyright law in a way that doesn't stifle the unestablished artist who isn't willing to pay fees for the rights to all the work they have ever done and ever will do.

Sincerely,

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