The fact that politicians are trying to change laws to funnel money into private interest groups that they have personal stake in should surprise no one. That they've tried this more than once, and will continue to try if they fail should also surprise no one. They day they try and there are not enough people saying no is the day we're all royally fucked. The only way to secure the future is with swift and thunderous opposition.

The fact that they keep re-surfacing this idea is concerning (this exact bill was brought up in 2006 and 2008). Passing or not, we as artists need to stand up at the mere SUGGESTION of these types of bills to let congress know we won't be having any of this bullshit.

If we all just sit on our asses and keep saying 'oh it hasn't happened yet it will never happen', eventually it will because there was no outcry. We do need to keep vigilant for these types of things; we need to be concerned.

What this is doing is basically dehumanizing us. And it doesn't just affect us small artists (though we get hit with the worst of it) it affects professionals like medical and media illustrators and conceptual artists as well. You will be putting many companies and owned businesses out of business by doing this.

It's also concerning to think how this will affect the intellectual property of small/indie film and game companies.

It removes the artist from the art and basically turns us into art factories, whose *OBLIGATION* is to make art for *EVERYONE ELSE* to use for their own purposes and that is just disgusting. This goes against everything we stand for, everything our rights were there to protect in the first place, considering artists are barely protected as it is. This law is basically politicians and Big Business' attempt to fill their pockets. These are people who don't understand and don't care about art. How do we expect old men in suits to understand the creative process?

Instead of feeding the big wigs and sending more money to keep them happy and going to Hawaii for all expense-paid vacations and 'conference meetings', why don't you guys actually try strengthening the copyrights and further protecting the works of artists like you **should be doing in the first place.**

Because I can tell you right now, it doesn't matter how much money you give them, those people will never return the favor or ever give anything back to the public. They only want to treat themselves. They only want to be rich off their asses and sit around and do nothing. They don't care about us, about other people, about their own companies, nothing. You are doing people a disservice if you let this bill pass. You are putting honest, hardworking and creative human beings out of a job if you let this bill pass.