This “act” for visual art and copyright laws is an abomination of government and big business. This whole idea that you have to copyright everything you ever illustrate is beyond stupid. Artists, and the like, have the right to keep their art as their own, as soon as they make it. This allows the artist to have the ability to exercise their right to make people who abuse the artist’s property to cease, with possibility of court action if deemed necessary. What this act will do is remove the artist’s right to their own art. They have to register the copyright with businesses, otherwise if someone deems it profitable, they can immediately steal the art or idea, and then copyright it, letting them make profits they should not have earned in the first place.

The act will also deter people from expressing creativity, making the idea of being original seem too intimidating to pursue. This will lead to less creative works, and overall less motivation to be creative entirely. It will benefit the infringers instead of the artists. The fact that anybody thinks this idea is good is obviously being payed to think so. They have never deemed the very art and entertainment they enjoy on a day to day basis to be someone’s only income. The income that the artist(s) use to eat, have a roof over their heads, and to even make more art. Taking this away will ruin all of them financially. Donations from fans can only take some artists so far.

People who lack creativity, namely big businesses, will be able to steal peoples art, change a couple of colors, and the immediately register a copyright on it in the form of a “derivative work”. This is the same as someone making a movie, say a low budget super hero movie. People might not know about it. Then a person in a large company finds it. He enjoys it very much. He can copy the movie, scene for scene, and then change the title, maybe the genders of characters, or even the color of something. The company can take that movie, and then make profits off of it that the smaller company that made the original will never see. The fact people like this is absurd.

This act won’t just effect people in the United States either. It will effect every country on the planet. You might not think of it like this, but people all over the world use the internet. They use American websites and consume American media. They can copy the content they think is popular, rename it or something, and then redistribute the media back into the internet. Where people can buy it for cheaper. This will make knock-off paintings and the like that much more effective as a method of profit.

"The Next Great Copyright Act" will royally, financially, personally, even emotionally RUIN any small time artists. This “Great” act will only support corporations and large businesses. The American Dream is the inspiration for foreign artists to begin freelance work in the states. Freelance artists will not be able to work effectively if corporations can just take their works, and screw over the artists, who live off of commissioned works, and basically tell them “Fuck you, give us the art and the rights to it. Good luck trying to work again.”

Please reconsider this ludicrous decision. For the artists and media makers of not just the United States, but for the world.