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To the US Copyright Office,

Please do not allow the Orphaned Works and Mass Digitization bill to become law. Visual artists of all types struggle every day to earn our living and copyright is a vital part of maintaining ownership of the images we create. Without the ability to be compensated for re-use, artists will sink even lower in the economy than we are already. Freelance graphic design rates are less than they were in 1995 when I started working. After 20 years of experience and many awards and no small amount of public recognition, I am offered jobs at day rates lower than when I was an unseasoned beginner. Is this crazy? Would we treat doctors or lawyers this way?

Not on your life. Please use reason and don't pass this crazy law.

Many thanks.

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