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To whom it may concern:

Painting has been my career for the past 20 years. My love of original art prompted me to open a gallery 17 years ago and our doors are still open. I have a college degree from a liberal arts college in Minnesota. Since starting to pain with watercolors 20 plus years ago, I have received many awards in national shows and gained signature membership in prestigious societies. My art business depends on my being able to own my own original creations. To make this a legal issue would be like steeling my money. It is very important to each visual artist that we are free to determine who and how our work is used. When my creations are published it only increases the value of my business inventory. Please protect the visual artists in our country by not passing the new US Copyright Act involving "Orphan Works

Sincerely,
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