To Whom it May Concern,

I am very stressed that there is still discussions to continue with the Orphan Works Act. I have been a professional artist for 8 years now. I design for blogs and logos. I illustrate prints for peoples homes. I create art for magazines. The Orphan Works Act is very very concerning because the art that I create and submit online is how I make my livelihood. These works of art that I have created, as a product, will be taken away for me. Without my copyrights being respected, I will not be able to thrive as an artist. What is even more maddening is that this Act will legalize the theft of my illustrations if these works are orphaned from me. The only way that I can stay in business, is if I have the right to create and sell my work and, unless I sell the rights, that I retain those rights. And for the record my work DOES NOT lose value upon publication. I can still sell prints, I can sell the art to other magazines or interested parties. So, to be clear, after I
create art, it goes into my own art inventory and I can continue to make money of illustrations created. I could make prints, or apparel, or a variety of things with the art created. Since I work in this digital era, it is extremely important that I retain the rights to sell MY OWN work. Please please do not pass this act. It would ruin my business.

A very concerned,

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