Dear Copyright Office,

Please do not allow the Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works, also known as the Orphan Works Act, to pass.

As an artist and designer it's hard enough to make a living from my work. Changing the laws to allow for easier access to people who have not created the work, but spend their days looking for work monetize on work they have no current right to.

Copyright is one of the few things working for us that allow us to protect what we have created. This allows us to keep creating and to bring great new work to society. These changes will make it harder to get a foothold in an already difficult career, and to continue to be able to keep that career going.

We depend on you to help us protect our work. Without that protection, it is harder to be creative and innovate. It's harder to be a businessperson. It's unfair to those who have done the hard work by allowing those who haven't to swoop in and take what they haven't made, but make money on it all the same.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Michaela Eaves