As an art student with mountains of debt, I think the Orphan Works Copyrights Act is an abomination. Forcing artists and designers to let the public use their work without pay is like forcing Apple to hand out iPhones for nothing.

Contrary to popular belief, art is actually a very important part of the economy. Design is part of everything around us, all the products we consume, furniture in our houses, shows you watch on TV. If no one has to pay for all that, what motivation will we have to produce it? The economy will surely suffer.

We artists and designers work very hard on our art; there has been a recent study which says we work harder than law students and business majors. Our work is our livelihood, and we cannot afford to let everyone have access until it hangs in a museum. It's already hard enough to be an artist without having the constitutional right to our images yanked out from under us. We would drown in our debt. The government of all people should want us to be able to pay back our student loans.