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To Whom It May Concern,

I, Melissa Culp, am writing because I am 100% against the Orphan Works Act. On behalf of my business, I feel that if this Act is passed my work and business will deteriorate leaving me to scrap for whatever money I can to just pay my bills. My work is my creation. Everything my work consists of is of my own creativeness. I have a 3 year old who I am trying to give a decent life to and my work helps with that. If someone wants to use my work there is that fee that is charged which in turn goes towards my son's necessities of life. How will this ACT help to raise my child? I just went through 2 years of school and $36,000 in debt to be where I am now, to have that right taken away so all the infringers can take and not pay for my hard efforts for differentially from the rest of the world would make it a lot harder for me to pay off my student debts and raise my child in a world that is becoming overpriced as it is.

I do not find it fair that this ACT would cause many artists to lose their rights to their work when their work is their own. Giving all the freeloaders/infringers the chance to make money off of certain pieces of work by cancelling all rights to its official owners is practically saying its ok for others to do the crime. My vote to this ACT is NO! Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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