Dear Representative,

My name is Luis Escobar, I'm an storyboard artist on *The Simpsons* and a cartoonist.

I've been drawing on the show since I was 18. I got my job right out of high school, and have been drawing ever since. I've also written a book on drawing and own a micro publishing business.

For years now I've been posting my artwork on the internet. All of which isn't registered because the laws of this country protect my work.

Any work I produce, the moment I produce it, is mine and copyright protected. All my work is attributed to me. I've got hundreds of pieces and sometimes my work goes viral. This is good, because my work is still attributed to me.

It's not only promotion for me but these drawings are a source of income as well. I get work from posting work online. I even sell printed versions of the work. Even, if someone was to take my name off it, it would *still* be *my* work.

The Orphan Works Act would destroy this protection. Especially since I've done so much work I don't know what's been posted where and what has been registered.

Copyright law isn't some abstract issue for me. It protects me directly. I can build my business around the law, as it is now. My art is my product. I can license it and make money. I can't do so if someone decides to use it without my permission or you give it away. It's my business inventory.

This is in fact stealing my money. My assets. I choose whether or not someone can use my work. Any work, no matter when it's published is still valuable to me. It can be a form of residual income.

The Orphan Works Act is an awful idea. This is the equivalent of making any text on the internet copyright free and usable by anyone if it isn't registered. It's ludicrous.

Artists have a difficult enough time making money, to have to pay to register every work of art they post on the internet. This is essentially what you're asking all visual artists to do.

I'm absolutely opposed to this in every way. Please do not pass this act.

Sincerely,
Luis Escobar