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Dear Sirs,

I am writing about the Orphans Work Law. My paintings are not orphans, they belong to me. The current copyright law protects my interests and I am shocked that what I have relied upon in good faith is going to be changed to my detriment.

I have been an illustrator for over thirty years, mostly painting book covers. I never signed my work because I could not be sure if my name would be cropped or the design of the cover would be affected. The publishing companies gave the illustrator a credit on the title page. Without the actual book there is no way of knowing I painted a particular painting.

I do not have the time to track down every misuse of my art and send a bill. With the new proposed law that is what I will have to do, presupposing that I would have sold them the rights in the first place. Then I have to hope they want to pay what I ask. If not, I have to take them to court. All that time and expense for whatever the company might feel like paying, if they pay.

In today's America, if this law goes through, it will be legal for someone to take something belonging to another to make a profit, making it the victim's problem to catch the thief and beg for some recompense.

Please do not let this law pass.

Sincerely,
Lisa Falkenstern