To Whom It May Concern,

As a young visual artist, I am writing to implore you to please stop the Orphan Works Copyright Act.

With the great expansion of the internet within recent years, the net has become a very important platform for allowing young artists to showcase their work to an international audience. Anyone can display their artwork easily, for free, and without the need for connections within the art world. This had led to many more opportunities for young artists who don't yet have the ability or money to get their work licensed. Many people of my generation, "The Millennials," are struggling with debt after college. We would love to be able to copyright all of our work, but it just isn't financially possible for us yet.

Companies should not be able to sell our artwork simply because we can't yet afford to have it copyrighted. The Orphan Works Copyright Act would stunt the growth of many young artists who rely on the internet as a means of showcasing their work.

I have many artist friends who do commission work or even simply ask for donations as a way to receive an income while following their dream of pursuing a career in art. If companies could profit from their work, it would be extremely unfair to these artists who are doing their very best to create a career for themselves.

The internet has greatly changed the way that art is distributed. We need to be able to recognize these changes and take them into consideration when considering new laws regarding copyrighting.

Thank you for your time.
I hope that you will help us to keep the Orphan Works Copywright Act from being passed.

Sincerely,

M. Murayama