Dear Copyright Office,

I am a hobbyist artist who would love to turn art into my career. I have heard multiple rumors lately how the Copyright Act, if passed, will take away our rights to our work. I became scared, because I make artwork for myself, or others when they commission me (through DeviantArt with the virtual currency, Points http://www.deviantart.com/). I believe that the protection of our work is vital, because it is an issue of pride if someone takes the work and claims it as their own. I think if all copyright was lifted, millions of people would be devastated by the theft of their work, and it would cost many artists their job. I am not a professional artist yet, but am striving to be one. I do not welcome anyone monetizing or edit my work, but sometimes I will make free pieces that people can use, such as decorative stickers (pagedolls) for their profile page. If someone pays me to draw something, I give only the commissioner the rights to use the work. I dont give anyone the permission to resell my art, even the commissioner. If someone were to ask me for permission to sell what they have bought from me, I may or may not give consent. I wish for all art to be protected and hope that the right decision is made. Please keep in mind the millions of people that make a living and would like to make a living from their art. Sharing art is a big part of my life and many others, and I would be saddened if sharing my art meant that anyone could use it. Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,
Lillian Sophie Ohr
Hobbyist Artist