Hello. I am a disabled artist. I find fulfillment and joy in creating art and trying to sell it on the internet. I put a lot of time and effort into what I do, not to mention money, which I have very little of. The internet is already saturated with stolen artwork. Orphan Works would make it even harder for any artist to protect their work from thieves.

Every day online, people post artwork without giving credit to the original artist. That would be the equivalent of college student copying, verbatim, a speech written by a member of congress and getting credit for having written it themselves. Some thieves take this work and directly sell it or alter it slightly and sell it. That would be the same as any ordinary citizen walking into congress, telling a congress member they would have to leave, because they were taking over their job. This person would be allowed to do it because there would be no law to protect the person in congress.

If Orphan works passes, I might as well just give up because there will be nothing in the law to protect my work. Please don't let this pass.

Thank you
Melva Bohrer