United States Copyright Office,

When an artist creates a work of art, whether it be a sculpture, a painting, or any other form of expression, they are not just putting their time and effort into the work. When an artist creates something, they put the years of painstaking effort it took to learn their talent. They put in blood, sweat, and tears. A fragment of the artist's soul goes into each masterpiece they create.

Forcing through the Orphan Works bill is wrong. It will stomp on every artist that creates and shares their work with the world for the benefit of giant corporations that will do just fine without the extra money. Each artist that will lose money for this is already more than likely struggling to keep food on the table and a roof over their head. It will rob each artist of their beloved work without so much as a note of credit. When you rob an artist of their work, you rob them of their souls. There is far more at stake here than just money. You are attempting to rob artist of their work, their souls, and their source of income to further line the fat pockets of billion dollar companies. This bill is an example of many of the things that is wrong with this country.

Do not pass this bill. Stop Orphan Works. Protect the little people as the government is supposed to do, not feed the fat corporations that already have more than enough money to be comfortable for the next twelve generations.

Signed,

-Laura.