To: U S Copyright Office Date: July 23, 2015

From: Michael Grochowski, Free lance artist, Norfolk, VA 23505

Subject: "Orphan works proposals"

Hello U S Copyright Office.

Currently I am a free lance artist living in Norfolk, VA. I've been an artist doing paintings since mid 1970's. My art credentials include a degree in fine art from a Northeastern Michigan college.

I am very concerned by the implications regarding the current direction of the "orphan works proposals". This concern is based on my understanding that the objectives of the proposed changes are being instituted in favor of corporate interests, rather than that of the originator of the artwork (the artist).

It's my belief that, in today's environment, copyright laws need to be strengthened not weakened in favor of the creator of the artwork. This would be justified as the object simply would not exist had it not been created by the artist, thus any monetary as well as intrinsic value is owned by the creator of the art. I believe current Copyright law protects artists in this way.

Therefore, I am requesting that the interest of the artist be primary when overhauling the copyright laws.

Thank you
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