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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to the United States Copyright Office today because I am deeply concerned about the new laws that may or may not be passed this coming Thursday, July 23.

I do not personally make a living off of my artwork and nor do I plan to. However, my sister is a beginning artist. Even as a young artists just beginning she has already had her characters and work stolen and struggled to have it taken down from online. These new copyright laws will make it even easier for people and even companies to steal the work of small artists who can not afford to fight it in court. Thousands of artists make their living selling their art online. These new laws will open their art up to theft they will not be able to get by.

While in some cases it may be difficult for an individual to get the permissions needed to use a piece of artwork these laws are in place for a reason. They are laws that protect artists from having their work stolen and used for commercial purposes. Artists will be even more vulnerable to major companies that can afford lawyers. A work of art belongs to its creator the laws are in place for a reason.

Sincerely,
Maia E. Thomas