The new changes to the copyright laws affect me because, as I understand it, they will allow anyone to take any kind of unregistered art and claim it for their own purposes. This puts a lot of pressure on people who do art on various smaller scales to make a living to put money they most likely do not have towards protecting their work - their very livelihood.

As I see it, this law is being pressured to change solely so that large companies and corporations, which already have more than enough money to work with in marketing, advertising, etc. to be able to claim art done by other people - possibly even for other people - as their own and to make a profit off of it, simply because the artist is unable to pay out money for a copyright. In my opinion, this is no different from websites posting movies/tv shows for people to watch illegally - they are making profit from something that is not theirs.

Allowing companies to take artwork from artists they have not contracted to work for them will undermine art as a community and a source of income for people who are unable to pay a needless fee for every single piece of art they create, all for the sake of protection. Please take into consideration that companies are already considered 'people' and they get more protection and rights than actual individuals do in regards to matters such as this. Changes like those proposed will have a very profoundly negative impact on countless people everywhere, and I urge you to not overturn something this important simply for the sake of allowing big companies to make even more profit.