It's beyond comprehension that this modification to the Orphan Act is even up for vote. This will put so many people out of work and ruin the entire creative industry. Thousands of people will be subject to unemployment and many of them, working as entrepreneurs or who are simply self-employed, will be in serious trouble.

Where does this even make sense? In the end it will effect the economy … what then, do the galleries and others do if something is snapped and put online. It's preposterous that one would even imagine that because something is out there that it's up for grabs.

With all due respect this is ignorant. It's highly unethical and a slap to the industries it will effect. Where is the foundation that offers validation to this? You simply cannot do this…

I for one, as an artist and beginning a new journey in business, will have wasted money, time and effort and as someone who is single and has to live on what I make this will cause me unbearable financial concern.

Additionally, what about the millions of artists, agents, art directors and others involved who will be put out of work? Just because we put things up digitally doesn't mean it's up for grabs.

What needs to happen instead is that the laws are harsher on those who "steal" work. That's where the focus should be.

We, as a group of artists both traditional and digital artists, are so upset at this point that we can't write quickly enough. We are sending out alerts to everyone.

This is highly dangerous and outright offsetting…it's as though we would be going through a creative depression. Haven't we all had enough? Why would this even be a thought? People who teach classes to do the work we do will be affected. Students will drop out. Schools who teach art will go under. This is not some minor modification. THIS IS TRULY A HAMMER TO THE HEAD OF THE CREATIVE, RETAIL, SELF-EMPLOYED, EDUCATIONAL AND ALL RELATED INDUSTRIES.

Please do NOT do this.