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Dear Ms. Rowland,

My name is Lauren Rolwing, and I am an illustrator from Nashville, TN. After receiving an academic and artistic scholarship, I earned a B.F.A. in 2008 from The Savannah College of Art and Design. Since then, I have worked very hard to build my business as a freelance illustrator. I have had the honor of working for clients such as The New York Times, Harper's Bazaar NL, The Boston Globe, and The Chronicle of Higher Education. My family is very proud of me, and I am so happy to have a job that I love. Each day, I wake up excited to go to my studio to work.

My agent has informed me of the The Return of Orphan Works Act. This act would be absolutely detrimental to my career. If anyone can use my illustrations without the need for payment, I will be out of a job. I have worked so hard for the last 7 years, and to see my business disappear would be devastating for me and my family.

Please consider the effect this act will have on the lives of artists. Freelancers work extremely hard and get paid far less than employees that have 9-5 jobs, but every freelancer I know, myself included, wouldn't have it any other way.

If you would like to see my works, my website is: www.laurenrolwing.com.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Lauren Rolwing / illustrator