To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today in regards to the new proposed "Next Great Copyright Act". This act has the potential to be devastating to artists like me, who need the copyright laws to protect us artists and not the commercial companies the new act would benefit. I have been a practicing artist for about 10 years and currently work in the educational field helping other artists branch out their skills. In the current system my work is protected as soon as I create it but with the new proposed system I would be forced to register all work and any work that I do not register runs the risk of being stolen by anybody who pleases. The new act would also allow anybody to alter my work without my consent and use it for whatever means they please. It is important to me as an artist to know that my work is being used appropriately and aligns with my beliefs. I would not want somebody to steal my work and use it in ways I did not originally intend. A lot of my work is not made to be profitable but rather as a hobby or teaching device. I would not want somebody else taking my work and using it for profit. It would undermine my original intent and they would be piggybacking off of my hard work. I implore you to please reconsider this act and keep the copyright laws as a means of protecting the artists and not those who would intend on profiting off of them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Mike Dorries