The proposed changes to copyright law are very bad for artists and creators such as myself, friends and colleagues. We earn our living from our creations. Everything we create belongs to us and becomes a part of our business inventory. We determine if our work can be used by others, and how. Infringing on our work is stealing our livelihood. Our work has commercial value regardless of publication. The copyright belongs to the work, and the work belongs to the creator.

Laws should favor creators, not corporations harvesting our work, declaring them orphaned and registering our work as their own to use and sell. This is one of the biggest American strengths recognized around the world â€“ our creativity, our original works. The default MUST REMAIN that the creators owns the copyright to their work.