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Dear Copyright Office.

Please let it be known that I, Lauren M. Wayman, DO NOT support changes to the Copyright Law of the United States of America that would in any way allow “Orphan Works” to be used, altered and/or formally copyrighted by any other person than the original artist themselves.

I have personally spent many many hours submitting 1000s of DMCA takedown notices to websites, companies and individuals, including giant companies like Old Navy, The Gap and West Elm and publishing companies like Babble, instructing them to remove my original photography from their websites, blogs, Pinterest and Tumblr accounts.

It is absolutely UNCONSCIONABLE that the U.S. Government would allow such a law to be passed that effectively removes all control from the hands of the original artist.

I will also be writing a letter to my US Rep, Senators and to President Obama on this subject.

Sincerely,

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