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R.E: Copyright protection for Independent and Freelance Artists

To Mrs. Pallante and Copyright Staff:

I am a freelance hobby artist who creates storylines with worlds and characters for other artists to enjoy and take inspiration from. I could not bear to lose this, or see other artists lose their works, for which some make their living from, by an act that would take away their first right to protection to their freedom of speech and protection.

I know many artists like myself who do not make any money off their art, they only post it and their stories and world for fun, and to inspire other fellow artists. It would be our worst fear as contributors to the inspiration of artists, world-wide, if that freedom and our rights for our work to be freely protected were to be taken away. We aren't making money off our work, we are simply sharing ideas that we now fear could be taken away from us without repercussions. It's one thing when someone else takes our characters when we're clearly presenting evidence and have labeled these creations as ours; but when a thief comes and takes our work and isn't reprimanded when we have evidence that the work belongs to us is unjust.

This country's justice and protection systems, from copyright to criminal justice, has long rested on the foundation of ethical morals, truth, and solid, factual evidence. To allow art thieves to lie, steal, and get away with injustice, regardless of facts showing factual evidence of the true owners and creators of the work, all because of failure to produce a watermark or payment statement, seems to be the opposite of what this Country stands for.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and on behalf of many fearful freelance artists enduring this fearful possibility even for money in today's struggling economy (another obstacle in paying to have works copyrighted), I sincerely hope that this unjust orphan act will not come to pass.

Respectively, and with hope,

LB Regan