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Dear Ms. Pallante,

I'm not anyone big in the illustration or art industry. But this “Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works (Docket No. 2015-01)” thing that is going through Congress soon harms all of artists, big or small. I'd like not to be jumping through hoops to say a thing you made is yours, even if I made is 10 years ago or 10 years from now.

Having the large companies be able to take the things individuals make and distribute them is a bad idea. Why harm the individual person? It's already hard enough for a freelancer to make their way with how little things pay and the expenses of taxes and health insurance and food. If a large company made something and an individual wanted to use that for profit, that's plagiarism or theft and they get sued or jailed. Why is it then okay for the reverse to happen?

This decision will void every rightsholder’s exclusive right to his/her own property, a right stated in Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. So it would be unconstitutional, unless you want to rewrite that too. Also the lack of information around this decision is stunning – it's obvious that certain large search engine corporations are in on and backing this. In the end, passing this as law will harm independent creators in the long term.

Sincerely,

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