To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you to express deep concern over proposed changes to the US copyright law. Specifically, the Orphan Works Act. This legislation is nothing more than an attempt to disenfranchise creators to make their work available without cost to corporations that use imagery to make profits. The burden of finding the creator of a work one would like to use should fall to the person wanting to use the art.

Restructuring copyright law in this way will dampen the creativity of the entire nation, as it will become very difficult to protect your work. This will be deadly to many freelance and independent artists, who will have their work appropriated without compensation. We will become a society where we have only corporate-backed creatives and un-paid amateurs. This will be disastrous for our intellectual sphere, which has thrived upon a long history of independent creators.

Thank you and Best Regards,

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