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To Whomever It May Concern,

What I want to know, is what pressed Congress to make laws that protect thieves? Under this new law, artists no longer have control over their own creations. It would let others decide who made that work, whether they are even able to replicate the work or not. I could say I painted the Mona Lisa under this law. Is that the standard now? Is stealing art from the artists the new business Congress wants to make? It's tough to pay for a piece of art, isn't it? It certainly wasn't easy making that art, either. The hours, resources, and time sacrificed by the artist to bring you something beautiful, and you don't want to pay for it.

Why can't they understand the concept of what is your's and isn't your's? Has everyone in Congress not gone through elementary school to understand it's wrong to steal? Instead of forcing artists to become "registered," why not just hire them? Why is it so gosh darn hard for Congress to keep their hands off of our stuff? I spent the past 20 years learning how to convey my feelings and emotions onto a piece of paper with some graphite. I'm not going to let a law written by America's Most Wanted let them do whatever they want with the things I've made. Just because it's in America don't make it your's.

I'm an artist and I'm not even in an art major, and the fact that someone can take my silly Pokemon doodles I do for my family and use them for whatever they wish is almost as crazy as the fact that anyone's Pokemon doodles are a higher priority than the billions of dollars of movies being pirated before they are released in theaters. And before you slap me in the face with a "can't be perfect world" line, I'm not asking for a perfect world. I'm asking for people to

stop stealing my stuff, and to stop stealing other artist's stuff just because you can see it on the internet or wherever. It doesn't have to be perfect to do something right, and being able to take someone else's works without their permission isn't right. Hey, that kind of sounds like stealing. I thought that was illegal in America?

In conclusion, this ranty letter is to let you know that yes, as an on-the-side artist, I will absolutely have issues with this law. If someone is able to print out my drawings and make money off of it, that's stealing. If someone is able to claim they made it even though my initials are right there, that's stealing. If anyone is able to modify or change the copyright already on my own drawings, that's just horrific and still stealing. I thought stealing was a crime and punishable. You want this law to be in effect? Then I'm the one who painstakingly designed all 721 Pokemon.

Sincerely,

Paul Cosico