Hi,

I was informed of this new law being passed through an artist I watch from Deviatart.com. After reading the new revisions that the law is pushing, I would strongly have to disagree that these revisions are okay, nor fair to artists.

It would seem you're making it easier for art thieves to get their grubby little hands on others work and do as they please, meanwhile making it harder for artists to protect their work. Why do artists need to pay for commercial copyright? If it's their work they should not have to pay for anything. It's hard enough for artists to earn a living just the way things are setup now, but now this revised law is making it worse taking more money out of artist's pockets when it's hard enough as it is keeping money in there. I strongly suggest this law is reconsidered. Instead of making this harder for artists, why don't you make it harder for the thieves that steal our work.

I myself am an aspiring artist and I'm taking it very serious as it does require hardly a lifestyle for some of us given how much studying and practice it requires to get really good at what we do. Non artists have no idea how much training and discipline goes into an art piece and think it is a God given talent. No! Artists spend years and years to master their craft. This is the problem from a non-artists perspective and they will never understand that because they never put themselves in that world that artists live in every day.

People also have to understand that the art education system is a joke, and more often than not the teachers teaching art in some of these schools have very little experience. They have enough experience to land a teaching gig, but don't have a full grasp of their own art. The point I'm trying to make is that a lot of artists today who are very good and successful in the gaming, movie, and animation industry is because they are self-taught. There are not enough art schools that deliver a high end experience, but only a minor one. But of course as I said before, no one really cares about the art world and how much goes into getting really good, so let's just make it easier to steal the work and forget about the hard work that goes into it.

To end my testimony, I would like to say that I could go on about this subject in much more detail, but I think and hope this is enough to get my point across. This is just a snippet of how I feel about how us artists are treated and ripped off on a daily basis. If this law passes, just be aware that you are killing artist's lively hoods and taking what little joy they have left in their lives. This is more than a job to them. This is what they live. Whoever reads this, picture yourself being stripped of what you love doing all because of some law (person, or group) dictating something it doesn't fully understand just to benefit its own selfish needs. Stop finding ways to kill people's lively hoods and dreams and support them. There are other pressing matters in the world that needs desperate attention rather than attacking artists. We are the least of your worries for whatever reason that there is.

Thanks! And make the right choice.